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WCA HOST 61ST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



PHOTOS BY GEOFF BELCHER | SEA COAST ECHO
The Waveland Civic Association on Sunday hosted its 61st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year's Colleen was Olivia Sud-deth (left) and Grand Marshal Jimmie Ladner (top right)

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

Although it was delayed from the day before due to inclement weather, the Waveland Civic Association enjoyed clear blue skies and a huge crowd for its 61st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday.

Jimmie Ladner, Hancock County's long-time tax assessor/collector and now also county administrator, served as this year's grand marshal. This year's Colleen was Olivia Suddeth.

"The Waveland Civic Association once again organized a wonderful St. Patrick's

Day Parade," Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani said. "The weather was perfect, and both the Colleen and the maids made a striking impression with their beauty. Grand Marshal Jimmie Ladner led the parade with his characteristic warmth and enthusiasm. Parade participants distributed an impressive amount of cabbage, ensuring that all attendees had an enjoyable experience."

The historic WCA was the first club on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to begin hosting an annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

"In 1963, a group of men who met in Villere's on Coleman Avenue in Waveland, decided to have a St. Patrick's parade," An-

dres wrote in a brief history of the WCA. "They also decided to sell corned beef and cabbage — the proceeds from which would be given to the Boy Scouts. After the parade and sale of food, the street was blocked off for a street dance.

"In 1967, the Waveland Civic Association was formed and chartered. Also in 1967, the St. Patrick's Ball was started."

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was

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Travel site names Bay a 'Heritage Haven' with a 'Foreign Feel'

ECHO STAFF

A national travel website has named Bay St. Louis as a "Heritage Haven" and among the Top U.S. Destinations with a "Foreign Feel."

Bay St. Louis ranked number 15 on TurnThePaigeTravel.com's list of 140 top "Heritage Havens" in America.

"This coastal town features charming historic homes, art galleries, and a laid-back atmosphere reminiscent of small Mediterranean fishing villages,"

according to the website.

"Traveling the world isn't always feasible, but that doesn't mean you can't experience international charm right here at home," TurnThePaige.com founder James Paige said. "Our survey highlights the most beloved towns across America that trans-

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Supers hear update from Friends of Animal Shelter

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Monday heard an update from Jill Allison, treasurer for The Friends of the Hancock County Animal Shelter.

She thanked the board for the recent hiring of Greg Long as

animal shelter director and remarked that the feedback from board members of Friends, as well as the community, has been positive.

She said that Friends' rescue/transport pro-

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Hancock Republicans host forum for Bay municipal candidates

BY GEOFF BELCHER
PUBLISHER

The Hancock County Republican Executive Committee on Monday hosted a forum for Bay St. Louis municipal candidates at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall.

Candidates at the forum had answered questions and then after the question-and-answer session, met one-on-one with members of the audience.

“This is an important election for the city of Bay St. Louis so we urge everyone to vote on April 1,” Jason Chiniche, chairman of the Hancock County Republican Executive Committee, said.

The Bay St. Louis and Diamondhead Republican primary elections will be held April 1, and the general elections are scheduled for June 3. The Hancock County Democrats will not be hosting a primary election, since there is no more than one Democratic candidate in any of the races.

In the Bay St. Louis races, only Jordan Brad-

ford III (R), running for incumbent Councilman Doug Seal’s Ward 1 seat; and Phalba C. Holmes (D), running for Councilman Jeffrey Reed’s Ward 3 seat, will be unopposed.

Those qualifying in Bay St. Louis include:

- Mayor: Mike Favre (R), Gary Knoblock (R)
- Council At Large: Tad Black (R); Lonnie J. Falgout (R), Greg Loftin (R), and Larry Smith (R)
- Ward 1: Jordan Bradford III (R)
- Ward 2: Eugene “Gene” Hoffman IV (R) and Nancy Moynan (D)
- Ward 3: Phalba C. Holmes (D)
- Ward 4: Kyle Lewis (R) and Jimmy Osbourn (R)
- Ward 5: Linda Kay Davis (R) and Kathleen Hughes (R)
- Ward 6: Josh DeSalvo (R) and Tami Curtis Guy (R)

The Hancock County Republican Women and Hancock County Republican Executive Committee will host a forum for Diamondhead municipal candidates on Monday, March 24, beginning at



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Candidates for Bay St. Louis municipal offices speak Monday during the Hancock County Republican Executive Committee political forum at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall.

5:30 p.m. at Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle. For more, email hcrwomensclub@gmail.com.

Those qualifying in Diamondhead include:

- Mayor: Heidi Boyanton (R) and Anna DeMarco Liese (R)
- At-Large: Gerard Maher (R) and Joel Salisbury (R)
- Ward 1: Cle Collins (R), Michael J. Fandal (R) and Shane Finley (R)
- Ward 2: Michael Meister (R) and Richard “Ricky” Sheppard (R)
- Ward 3: : Jessie Harwood (R) and Leo Marino (R)
- Ward 4: Kim Buckman (R) and Austin Clark (R)

For more information, email hcrec2023@gt-mail.com.

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port visitors to faraway places through their architecture, culture, and traditions. These destinations prove that you don’t need a passport to embark on a global adventure.”

The top 10 cities on this year’s “Heritage Havens” list include:

1. New Orleans.
2. Savannah, Ga.
3. San Antonio, Tex.
4. Sitka, Ak.
5. Sleepy Hollow, NY.
6. Santa Fe, NM
7. St. Augustine, Fla.
8. Salem, Mass.
9. Helen, Ga.
10. Montpelier, Vt.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Bay St. Louis, along with the Hancock County Election Commissioners, will conduct a Logic and Accuracy Testing on the DS200 voting machines in preparation for the April 1, 2025 Republican Primary Election.

The testing will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Bay St. Louis, along with Hancock County Election Commissioners, will tabulate the ballots of the April 1, 2025 Bay St. Louis Republican Primary Election beginning at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2025 at the Old Town Community Hall (Parking Garage) located at 122 ½ Court St, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

This is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Mike Reso | City Clerk

Are you ready for FanFest 2025?

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

When doors open this weekend to this year’s FANFEST expo, Sunday, March 23, visitors will be pleased to experience multiple additions to what’s become a local event that is in a class of its own. “We’ve been able to attract more exhibitors from a broader region

than ever before. We think our Fans will be especially pleased,” stated Ash Parker, the event organizer of the Hancock County Library System’s highly popular “Pop Culture” day-long event. Doors open at 10 AM to the free, family friendly extravaganza, and people are highly encouraged to dress accordingly – in your fave Fandom costume.

“Yes, this is another really fun opportunity for people on the Gulf Coast to dress up and be colorful, “off-the-wall,” don your latest super-hero outfit, and even join in by participating in the FANFEST

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Compretta honored by Hancock Bar Association



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The Honorable J. P. Compretta, former speaker protempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives and local attorney was honored by the Hancock County Bar Association upon his retirement this week for his legacy helping the people of Hancock County and the State of Mississippi. The Chamber President, Heather Ladner Smith and past president Regan Kane presented him with an honorary lifetime membership to the Hancock Chamber of Commerce to recognize his leadership in the community.

BSL honors soccer champs



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
The city of Bay St. Louis last Thursday hosted a special luncheon to honor its championship student-athletes from Bay High School and St. Stanislaus. Last month, the Bay High School boys soccer team claimed its third consecutive Class 4A State Championship. The Bay High girls soccer team also won their Class 4A State Title. The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-Chaws soccer team also won the Class I State Championship. During the luncheon, Mayor Mike Favre said the city was “very proud” to have such incredible schools and student-athletes.

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cosplay (costume contest) exhibition!” stated the library system’s executive director, John Brdecka.

FANFEST is a free family friendly, day-long Comicon type event that promises to rival even the popular Mississippi Coast-Con event, recently held on March 7th – 9th , at the Mississippi Coliseum & Convention Center in Gulfport. Coast-Con, the “longest running Sc-Fi, fantasy, and gaming convention” in the state, is also held annually. That event saw ticket prices as high as \$55 for the weekend event.

Brdecka emphasized that the HCLS wanted to present the kind of event that many people enjoy, but an expo that was “free for all.” “Come out in droves! And bring your family and friends!”

The library system’s FANFEST will be held at the historic Bay St. Louis Community Hall on Blaize Avenue from 10 AM until 5 PM.

“We’re very proud to be able to once again offer a quality event that everyone can attend,” continued Brdecka. “The 30-plus exhibitors from across the Gulf Coast includes some of the best comic book creators and graphic novel artists around.” Visitors to FANFEST will find a broad range of collectibles in addition to the special selection of collectible comic books.

Especially for teens this year is a Saturday workshop presented in coordination with the area The Arts Hancock County, and MAP Kids. Registration must be made in advance online and includes:

•10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Print-Making workshop with The Arts (ages 12 – 18) <https://hcls.librarycalendar.com/event/fanfest-printmaking-workshop-arts-hancock-county-5181>

•12:30 pm – 2:30 pm - Print-Making workshop with The Arts (ages 12 – 18) <https://hcls.librarycalendar.com/event/fanfest-printmaking-workshop-arts-hancock-county-5182>

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•1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Cosplay workshop with MAP Kids (ages 8-12) <https://hcls.librarycalendar.com/event/fanfest-cosplay-workshop-map-kids-5549>

•2:15 pm – 3:30 pm – Cosplay workshop with MAP Kids (ages 12-18) <https://hcls.librarycalendar.com/event/fanfest-cosplay-workshop-map-kids-5550>

In addition to the above special Saturday hands-on workshops for tweens/teens, Sunday’s FANFEST event will include a high-tech gaming space that was one of the biggest draws at last year’s event. Games include several virtual reality options. Organized by HCLS IT manager, Matthew Armstrong, the dedicated game space for gamers of all ages is a major offering as part of this year’s event.

At press time, plans called for the costume/Cosplay exhibition and contest to take place in the early afternoon. Face painting and a Kidz Space will be offered throughout the day.

The library’s 360-degree camera, which was a hit with visitors during last year’s event, will also be part of FANFEST 2025. The high-tech camera can record small groups using a 360-degree surround-video technology.

Additional details and information about the FANFEST event can be found by visiting the HCLS website at: <https://hcls.info/fan-fest>, or inquire directly at the Bay St. Louis Library location, 312 Highway 90, in Bay St. Louis.

FANFEST is made possible through funding from the Library Foundation of Hancock County, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. FANFEST is produced by the Hancock County Library System. Nearly all of the programs and events of the HCLS are free and open to the public. Persons wanting to donate to support the library’s programs may contact the library’s administration at foundation@hancock.lib.ms.us, or by calling 228-467-6836.

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gram has experienced delays due to “slow adoptions,” by northern rescue partners because of the harsh weather conditions.

“As the situation improves and adoptions begin to pick up, we plan to meet with Greg to discuss the rescue/transport program,” Allison said. “We want to work with him to build a streamlined and effective process that defines the responsibility of both the shelter and the Friends.”

Allison said they hope to “maximize” dog adoptions and “reduce” shelter population through this program.

Allison also mentioned some upcoming fundraisers for Friends, one of which is this Saturday, March 22. It is the first “Pup” Pub Crawl in downtown Bay St. Louis from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for pups and can be purchased at pub crawl starting point Uncle Joe’s, located at 134 Blaize Ave. To purchase tickets, text Mandy Mills at 601-590-2791

or email ms.mandyann79@gmail.com.

On Sunday, March 30, there is the annual Tea with Friends at the Bay St. Louis Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn more about Friends through Facebook at Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County and www.friendsoftheanimalshelter.org.

The board also heard from Von Biggs, who spoke about St. Tammany Parish’s recently established mandatory sterilization ordinance for dogs and cats.

“When I look at that ordinance, the first thing that resonates with me is the first sentence,” Biggs said. “Whereas, St. Tammany Parish government is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, which includes the health and welfare of animals in its jurisdiction. And I think that statement resonates with you all, as well. What I especially like about the ordinance is that it does not impact responsible pet owners.”

The ordinance comes into effect with animals who come into the

shelter, she said.

“There’s a first time fine with a mandatory neuter with a waiver option,” Biggs said. “On the second offense, the waiver option is revoked, the fine is increased, and the neutering is mandatory at that time. Any monies collected are specifically designated toward the spay/neuter program.”

Biggs said St. Tammany’s ordinance is meant to decrease pet overpopulation and helps to “place the financial burden on the irresponsible humans involved, rather than entirely on the citizens.”

Biggs said she hope the board would give the matter some “serious” thought.

“On another note, the Friends of the Animal Shelter, for the past two decades, have been providing free spay and neuter vouchers. However, we do have a shortage of veterinarians willing to accept them. Those that do have a long waiting time. Currently, Carol Strohmets is collaborating with MSU to establish a regular free spay/neuter clinic in Hancock County.”

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 9 a.m.

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held in 1964, Andres said. The first grand marshal was Joe Griffins; the first colleen, Terri Gandee.

“The Waveland Civic Association is exclusively for the betterment of the social, cultural, charitable and benevolent activities of the citizens of Waveland and the surrounding area,” according to the club website.

“We’re always looking for new members,” Andres said. “They can contact us from our Facebook or our website.”

The WCA meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the WCA Den on Dicks Street.

Coming up next:

- The 27th annual GNAT Na-

tionals Open Car/TruckJeep Show, hosted by the Misfits Street Krewzers, was rescheduled from March 15 to March 29 at St. Clare Catholic Church, located at 236 South Beach Blvd. in Waveland. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m.3:30 p.m., with awards presented at 2 p.m. The show will benefit CASA of South Mississippi, Hancock County Senior Citizens and others.

• The city of Bay St. Louis will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29, beginning at 10 a.m. at the BSL Sports Complex. In case of rain, the event will be postponed until Saturday, April 5, same time and place.

• The Arts, Hancock County, will host its ArtsAlive celebration on March 29 and 30 at the Depot Arts District in Bay St. Louis, with

free admission and parking. The event will featured food trucks, kids crafts, a student art expo, a dessert contest, artists booths, live music and more. It’s scheduled from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th; and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, the 30th.

• The city of Waveland will host its annual Easter Parade and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, starting at 12:30 p.m.

“The city of Waveland and the Hancock Tourism Commission have joined together to organize the parade, and an Easter Egg Hunt at Waveland’s Town Green after the parade,” Trapani said. “The parade route and any additional information will be posted as it becomes available.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Opinion

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“To donate an organ is to gift a heartbeat, a lifetime, and a chance,” — A.J. Fennimore

Tomorrow, March 21, marks the sixth birthday of my dad’s kidney.

Time moves so fast, as I can’t believe it’s been that long since he received the gift of life. So much has happened since then. A pandemic and a harrowing cancer diagnosis, complete with surgery, radiation, and a slow - but sure - recovery. One thing that hasn’t changed is that I’m still very much a helicopter daughter and have no shame about that, no matter how much the parents doth protest.

But, it hasn’t all been bad during these past six years, we’ve had several laughs and made lots of memories.

I think the most beneficial recipient has been my little nephew (okay, he’s not so little more anymore and I’m sure I will get some flack for saying so, but he’s still a little guy in my eyes).

That saying “two peas in a pod” accurately describes this Paw Paw and grandson. My nephew is his biggest cheerleader and co-conspirator. That feeling is also shared by my dad, who just openly adores his grandson all the time.

During the nephew’s Christmas visit, we observed him and his Paw Paw, whispering to each other while sitting in their respective recliners. We still have no idea what they were probably plotting.

The pair also share day-long marathons of “The Three Stooges.”

The nephew is always concerned about his Paw Paw’s health and wellbeing, in a lot of the same ways that I am, although the nephew has described his “favorite” aunt as being “overbearing” before. I still love him the most, though.

However, while we are celebrating the happy milestones, there is a family sharing a milestone marked by great grief.

I always think about the Jim Nabors’, the man who played Gomer Pyle in the “Andy Griffith Show,” quote who had a liver transplant in 1994.

“When you’re waiting for a transplant, you can’t in good conscience pray for one, because someone has to die for you to live,” Nabors said.

Through Instagram, I met a lovely person who undergoes dialysis and, due to a genetic condition, will never be eligible for a kidney transplant.

We had a chat about the transplant and our donor family, and he told me that it is common for the recipient and the recipient’s family to experience a “survivor’s guilt.”



STAFF COLUMN
BY CASSANDRA FAVRE

Hancock History: Biloxi

In 1699, Iberville and Bienville chose a site on the north shore of Biloxi Bay to establish the first settlement of the new French Colony of Louisiana. They named the place “Biloxi” after the local Indian tribe. A wooden fort was constructed which they named Fort Maurepas. It was located at the site of present-day Ocean Springs, not present-day Biloxi. Maurepas was an important Count in France in that era. A hundred men were left with Bienville while Iberville returned to France. Eventually, the men had only corn to eat and were co-habiting with the local Indian women.

In 1701, Iberville returned to the Gulf Coast and he and his younger brother Bienville evacuated Fort Maurepas and moved the capital of Louisiana to Mobile. They did leave twenty men as a garrison at Fort Maurepas. In 1719, Bienville was not happy with Mobile as the capital of his new colony. Thus, he returned to Fort Maurepas at the site of present-day Ocean Springs. However, the land around the fort was marshy. The mosquitoes were awful and his men

were dying from malaria. In addition, the water was bad.

By 1719, numerous emigrants were pouring in to the Fort Maurepas settlement from France, Mobile, and Africa. The emigrants from France came from the streets of Paris, prisons, reformatories, and hospitals. France needed people to inhabit their new colony and these sick, diseased, ragged, sometimes naked people were dumped on the beach of present-day Ocean Springs. The colony had neither food, clothes, or shelter for these people and consequently, many starved to death. After the town caught fire and eleven houses burned to the ground, Bienville decided to move the settlement to a better location across Biloxi Bay.

In 1719, Bienville moved the entire settlement to the site of the present-day city of Biloxi. He called the new location “New Biloxi” and the Ocean Springs site is known by historians as “Old Biloxi.” A plat was drawn up by the engineer, De la Tour in 1821 which created a central square containing a church, administrative buildings, and military barracks next

to the beach. The layout was similar to the French Quarter square that was built later in New Orleans. Nevertheless, Bienville did not intend to stay very long in New Biloxi.

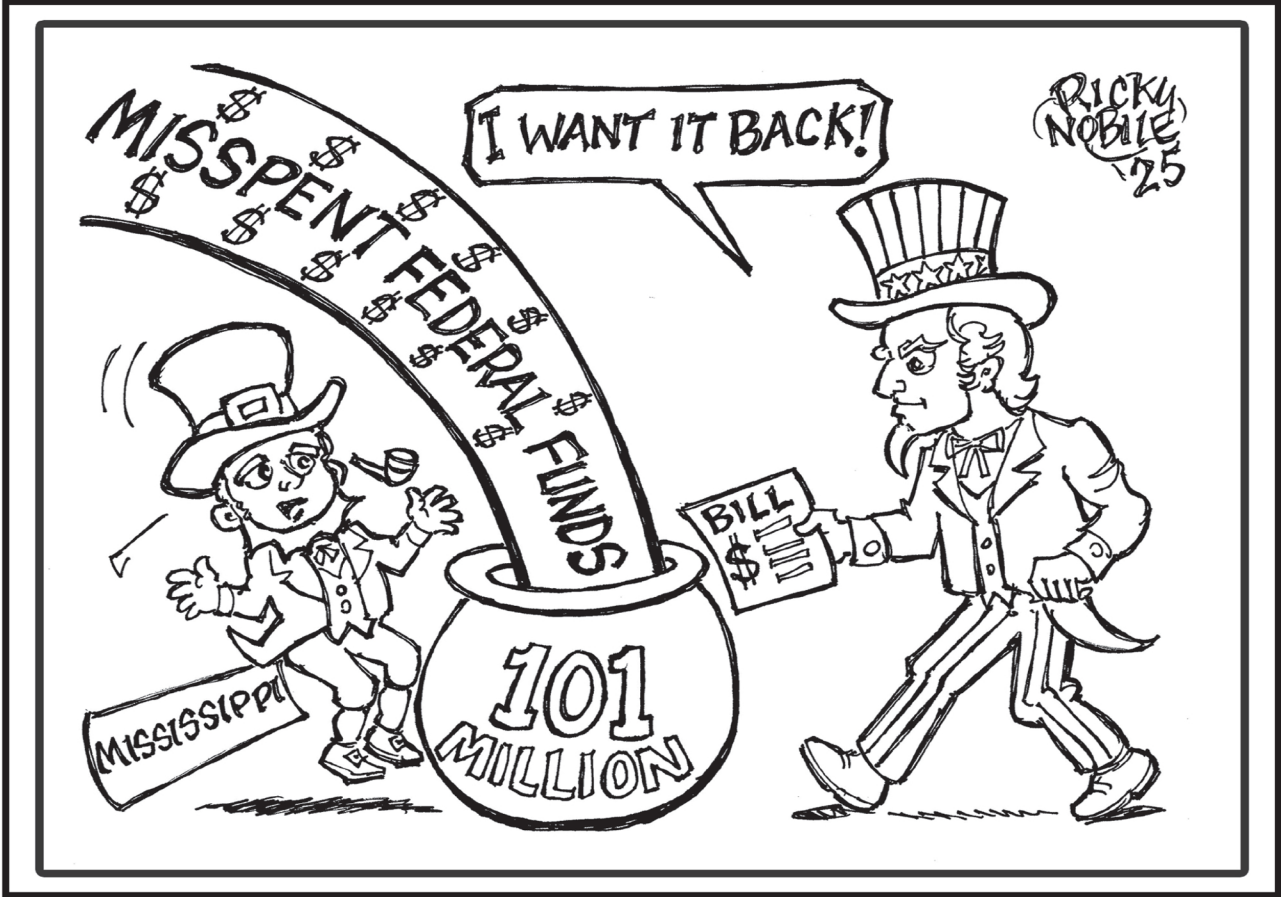
Bienville believed since he first came to the Gulf Coast that ultimately the capital of Louisiana would have to be a deep-water port on the Mississippi River. By 1718, Bienville had determined where this port should be which he intended to call “New Orleans.” This spot was ideal because local commercial sailing vessels, large and small, could enter the back of the French Quarter by way of the Rigolets, Lake Pontchartrain, and Bayou St. John. Small schooners and catboats could not ascend the Mississippi River gracefully. This other aforementioned conduit to the city insured in the future that the port would be the center for local Gulf Coast maritime traffic as well as the Mississippi River ocean-going vessels and flatboats from upriver from the Northwest region of the United States which France had already settled from Canada.

In 1722, Bienville be-



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

gan the transfer of the property of his headquarters to the new site of New Orleans. New Biloxi was stripped of everything of value. Storms later wrecked the buildings that had been built and they were never rebuilt. Only a small company of soldiers and a few families stayed in New Biloxi. Everyone else moved to New Orleans. Very few people lived in New Biloxi for one hundred years. Specifically, in 1810 there were only twelve families in New Biloxi. Incidentally, there were only fifteen French families in Bay St. Louis at that time as well. Biloxi was incorporated as a village in 1872 and chartered as a city in 1896. Biloxi was within the boundaries of Hancock County until Harrison County was created in 1841.



The Loss of Pinkies Pawn’s Iconic Landmark

Dear Editor,

For decades, Pinkies Pawn has been a beloved small business in our community, known not just for its friendly service but for its quirky, well-maintained pink VW bug chassis that stood proudly as both a sign and a local landmark. That bright pink bug wasn’t just an advertisement—it was a piece of our town’s character, a cheerful beacon that drew customers and passersby alike. Sadly, the county recently forced Pinkies Pawn to remove this iconic fixture, and the impact on their business has been devastating.

As a longtime resident, I’ve watched Pinkies Pawn thrive,

LETTER to the EDITOR

OUR LETTERS POLICY

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in part because of that eye-catching VW bug. It wasn’t just a sign; it was a conversation starter, a photo opportunity, and a symbol of the creativity that small businesses bring to our community. The county’s decision to enforce its removal—likely under some rigid ordinance—ignores the real-world consequences for a local business al-

ready navigating tough economic times. Since the bug came down, Pinkies Pawn has seen a drastic drop in foot traffic and revenue, a blow they may not recover from.

Small businesses like Pinkies are the backbone of our economy, and they deserve flexibility, not bureaucratic heavy-handedness.

Couldn’t the county have worked with the owners to find a solution that preserved this harmless landmark while addressing any concerns? Instead, they’ve stripped away a piece of our town’s identity and jeopardized a local livelihood.

I urge our local leaders to reconsider policies that prioritize uniformity over community spirit. Let’s support Pinkies Pawn and others like it before we lose more of what makes our town special. Bring back the pink VW bug—or at least give small businesses a fighting chance to keep their charm alive.

Sincerely,
P. Leoni
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ARREST RECORD

Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from March 10 to March 17 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF

- Jacob A. Tillman, 33, contempt failure to appear; hold for other agency; parole violation
- Brandon A. Pierre, 41, probation violation
- Gabriel M. Singleton, 35, burglary
- Johnny W. Rogers Jr., 43, probation violation
- Dario Martinez, 26, possession of weapon by felon
- Jaylynn D. Page, 18, contempt of court failure to appear
- Patrick K. Walker, 36, felony possession of controlled substance
- Logan V. Levy, 36, contempt of court failure to appear
- Clark A. Hoda, 50, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement
- Robert D. Gilbert, 37, felony possession of controlled substance
- Kara N. McClendon, 42, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
- Jerry W. Winstead, 34, simple domestic violence simple assault
- David L. Winkles, 44, contempt failure to appear
- Terry M. Mosley, 36, contempt of court violation of protective order

or court approved consent agreement

- Lawrence J. Peterson III, 41, felony possession of controlled substance; hold for other agency
- Kinshasa D. Presley, 30, simple domestic violence simple assault; contempt failure to appear
- Marlow M. Marie, 43, contempt of court failure to appear; petit larceny; hold for other agency
- Jessica L. Biddle, 40, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams); possession of paraphernalia
- Crystal A. Dudenhefer, 41, contempt of court failure to appear
- Zachary T. Kingston, 36, disorderly conduct; possession of paraphernalia; drunkenness/profanity in public place
- Felina M. Sherwood, 32, shoplifting
- Richard Schwartz Jr., 36, probation violation
- Shelby P. Harville, 34, DUI
- Robert L. Leger, 27, hold for other agency
- Noah C. Masters, 46, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; DUI
- Wue D. Lee, 48, contempt of court failure to appear
- Cornell M. Banks, 19, disorderly conduct
- Theresa E. Collins, 60, contempt of court failure to appear x 3
- Tyler G. Moore, 33, shoplifting
- Irwin L. Tunis, 55,

contempt of court failure to appear

- Bronwin L. Saucier, 41, contempt failure to appear; contempt failure to comply
- Carl G. Bellegia, 65, exploitation of children: possession of child pornography x 2
- Solomon P. Johnson, 37, contempt of court failure to appear
- Robert L. Harvey, 57, felony possession of controlled substance; motor vehicle: designation of stop intersections, design and placement of stop signs x 2; driving with suspended or revoked license; no proof of liability insurance
- Deterrace K. Bowman, 18, child: contributing to delinquency / neglect of a child
- Nathan C. Ezell, 31, contempt of court failure to appear
- Portal Renier, 42, possession stolen property; possession of stolen firearm; felony possession of controlled substance; suspended license; tag-switched; possession of paraphernalia; hold for other agency
- Edgar A. Cruz Garcia, 37, DUI; hold for ICE
- Jessica L. Stevens, 32, simple domestic violence simple assault
- Connie E. Latham, 52, DUI; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle
- Karl W. Menzer, 54,

weekender

- Andrea T. Collins, 47, shoplifting; contempt of court failure to appear
- Glenn A. Rogers Jr., 46, conspiracy to commit crime
- Shianne M. Mitchell, 31, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 2
- Joseph S. Weis II, 29, felony possession of controlled substance; contempt of court failure to appear
- Rodney M. Varnado, 56, controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 3
- Makrele D. Benton, 30, disorderly conduct; resisting/obstructing arrest; simple assault x 2
- Mason D. Moore, 32, DUI
- Allen J. Stout, 45, DUI
- Jason R. Page, 44, DUI; reckless driving
- Ron D. Daniels, 36, drunkenness/profanity in public place
- Rivers B. Fayard, 32, simple domestic violence simple assault
- Jomari A. Gorham, 19, disturbing the peace; simple assault
- Mark Charron, 58, trespassing after warning

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is April 5th

SPEICAL TO THE ECHO

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors “Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day” is on April 5, 2025, at the Hancock County Arena, on Kiln-Delisle Road. Hancock County residents may drop off between 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

Types of residential waste collected: Tires (limit 20), washers, dryers, scrap metal, electronics, TVs, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, aerosols, all-purpose cleaners, ammonia, anti-freeze, automobile cleaners, brake fluid, charcoal lighter fluid, chlorine bleach, detergents, disinfectants, drain

opener, furniture polish, gasoline, glass cleaner, herbicides, insecticides, mothballs, motor oil, oven cleaner, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, rodent poisons, rubber cement, rug, and upholstery cleaner, scouring powder, silver polish, snail and slug killers, toilet bowl cleaner, transmission fluid, tub and tile cleaner, turpentine, varnish, water seal, wood finish, and cooking oil.

The County will not accept animal manure or carcasses, other biological or medical-related waste or equipment, food or mold-damaged items, yard debris, wood products, or construction waste. Residents coming to the recycling

center should:

- Stay in your car.
- Keep products in their original containers and sealed.
- Transport items in the trunk, bed of the truck, or trailer.
- Do not transport over five gallons or 50 pounds at a time.

The Board encourages residents to dispose of their household hazardous waste properly. Household-Hazardous waste is any product marked, “Caution, Toxic, Flammable or Corrosive. The Supervisors want to thank the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, volunteers, and co-sponsors.

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That made total sense to me. However, it is still hard to reconcile that one of our family’s greatest moments is another’s great tragedy.

But, I know my dad, as well as his family, strive to be good stewards of this gift of life and make the most out of it.

It felt very fitting for dad’s transplant to be in March, which is National Kidney Month.

In honor of that, I’m going to share some “fast facts” from the National Kidney Foundation website, www.kidney.org.

Kidney disease causes more deaths each year than breast or prostate cancer.

About 35.5 million adults in the U.S. are estimated to have kidney disease and about 9 in 10 adults with kidney disease do not know they have it.

People with kidney disease may not feel ill or notice symptoms until the disease is advanced.

About one in three adults with severe kid-

ney disease don’t know they have it.

One in three adults in the U.S. is at risk for kidney disease.

Kidney disease is the 8th leading cause of death in the U.S.

About one in three adults with diabetes and one in five adults with high blood pressure may have kidney disease.

Diabetes is the most common cause of kidney disease.

A blood and urine test can detect kidney disease early.

Twelve people die every day while on a waiting list for a kidney transplant.

Adults with kidney disease are at higher risk of early death.

Prevalence of kidney disease: Non-Hispanic black adults, 20 percent; Hispanic/Latino adults, 14 percent; non-Hispanic Asian adults, 14 percent; non-Hispanic white adults, 12 percent.

Black/African American people have four times the incidence of kidney failure as white people.

Thirty percent of all patients with kidney failure are Black/African American.

Almost one-third of people on the kidney transplant waitlist are Black/African American and are also less likely to receive a kidney from a living donor.

Approximately one in four Medicare dollars is spent on kidney patients.

COVID-19 continues to endanger the health and lives of kidney patients.

Last year, I finally found a primary care physician and was tested for diabetes, among the other tests. Thankfully, for now, I have eluded the Favre family curse of diabetes.

Kidneys play an important role in our bodies, as highlighted by the National Kidney Foundation, which include: Removing natural waste products and extra water from your body; helping make red blood cells; balancing important minerals in your body; helping maintain your blood pressure; and keeping your bones healthy.

Next month is also National Donate Life Month, which helps to raise awareness about donation and encourages Americans to register

as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

I fully believe in organ donation, even did before our own family’s experience. Science is way cool like that. How awesome that we have come so far that we can successfully transplant organs so that others can live life.

I’m signed up to be an organ donor and everyone knows that, which is an important part of the process. Make sure your family, friends, partners, etc. are informed about your desire to donate organs in the event of your death.

You can learn more about organ donation at www.donatelife.net and I, as always, encourage everyone to sign up to be organ donors. It has made the world of difference for our family.

So, Happy 6th Birthday to your kidney, Daddy, I look forward to celebrating more milestones.

Cassandra is a staff writer at the Sea Coast Echo and can be reached at cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

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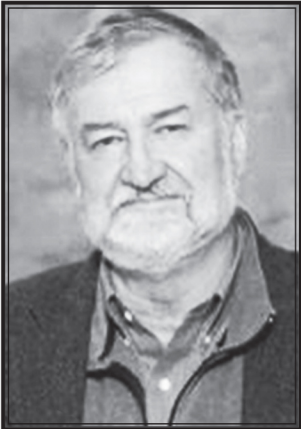
• CAROLYN RITA WILLIAMS

JOHN H. HEATH

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, uncle, brother, and friend John H. Heath, who left us on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Born in Bay St. Louis, MS with a passion for knowledge and a heart full of compassion, John H. Heath lived a life rich with dedication to his family, his students, and his community.

John H. Heath’s academic journey began with his B.S. in Mathematics & Computer Science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1972. His insatiable thirst for knowledge led him back to his alma mater, where he earned his Ph.D. in Computational Science on December 15, 2012. His scholarly pursuits exemplified his commitment to education and his relentless quest for understanding the intricacies of computational science.

His professional journey encompassed diverse roles, from being a Visiting Professor for Computer Science & In-



formation Technology at the University of Southern Mississippi (2015-2016), to a Lecturer for Software Engineering & Investigative Research at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (2012-2015), where he was also involved in several research grants and a geographic information system project. Earlier, as an Adjunct Faculty (2010-2011) and Computer Scientist for the Navy Oceanographic (2008-2009), John H. Heath developed and implemented enterprise analysis solutions. His extensive experience included serving as a Teaching and Research Assistant on DoD and NIMA grants (2003-2007), founding Intunet,

LLC (1995-2003), and managing technical support and software development at Bay Technical Associates (1987-1994). In the earlier years, he co-founded CAB Concepts, Inc. (1984-1986) and TLR, Inc. (1980-1983), leading system engineering and avionics software design projects. Additionally, John H. Heath held significant positions at Computer Sciences Corporation and Tulane University, focusing on large-scale database and distributed processing network systems, and began his career as a Mathematician at the U.S. Geological Survey (1972-1975).

Throughout his esteemed career, John H. Heath received numerous accolades that celebrated his contributions to academia and his positive influence on students. In May 1983, he was voted the second-best paper by the readers of the Small Systems Journal. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee at the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) recognized him as an outstanding faculty member

for helping student-athletes promote a positive image on campus in the Spring of 2013 and 2015. The National Society of Leadership and Success at UMC presented him with the Excellence in Teaching Award for the year 2014-2015. The University of Minnesota Crookston also acknowledged him for having the most undergraduate grants in the same academic year. Additionally, he was inducted as an honorary lifetime member into Alpha Sigma Pi, a leadership society devoted to helping members discover and achieve their goals.

John H. Heath was more than an academic; he was a mentor, a guide, and a pillar of strength for his students and colleagues. His dedication to helping student-athletes and fostering a positive campus environment was unparalleled. The awards he received are a testament to the lasting impact he had on those around him.

John H. Heath will forever be remembered by the Preston family (Lance, Silvia, Frances,

Sophia, and Marshall of Hattiesburg, MS), who adopted him as their own father and grandfather. The bond they shared went beyond friendship, with the family and their children cherishing him as a true member of their family. His warmth, wisdom, and kindness filled their lives with joy, love, and unforgettable memories. John was known as “vovo” (grandpa) John. He even became the godfather of the family’s youngest son, deepening the profound connection they all shared. They called him family, and their hearts will forever hold a special place for the man who meant so much to them.

John H. Heath is survived by his daughter, Taylor Guidry (Nicholas); brother, Ned Heath (Kathleen); sister, Kathryn Kennington; nieces, Kathy Furrh (Roy), Sarah Giammarinaro (Corey), and nephews, Richard Kennington (Emily), Mack Kennington Jr., and John Heath (Kelley), along with numerous friends and extended family. He was preceded in death by his sister,

Wynn Heath; parents, Kathryn and Edward Heath; and brother-in-law, Mack Kennington Sr.

As we mourn the loss of John H. Heath, we also celebrate his life and the indelible mark he left on this world. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am Monday, March 24, 2025 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 228 South Beach Blvd, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. The family will receive guests one hour prior to Mass.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Family of John Huddleston Heath.

*The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in
green pastures; he leads
me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in right
paths for his name's
sake.*

Psalm 23:1-3

CAROLYN RITA WILLIAMS

Carolyn Rita Williams was born in New Orleans, LA, November 22, 1941, to Edward and Otis Long (both deceased). She was also preceded in death by her brother, Robert Long and her sister, Patricia Ann Fitzpatrick. She grew up in New Orleans, and moved to Waveland with her husband, Clinton Clark, Jr. in the early 1970s, where she has since lived. She raised her daughters with him there until his untimely death in 1988. She was a loving wife to Conrad Williams (deceased) during the later years of life. She was a devout Catholic and faithfully attended Mass at St. Clare Church.

Carolyn was a breast cancer survivor, an avid foodie, talented seamstress and cook, a book lover, and loved to attend barre class with her friends. Monday nights were set aside for casino time with Ricky, and she was generally pretty lucky! She loved making breakfast dates with her kids and grands as often as possible at her favorite restaurants, Grammy’s, Mockingbird Cafe, and especially Panola’s every Friday morning. She also enjoyed volunteering to make blankets for a women’s charity for several years.

The daughters and granddaughters got together with her on a yearly outing for her birthday. Her most favorite birthdays were spent celebrating Christmas tea at the Windsor Court in Downtown New Orleans.

She was a homemaker and worked for 26 years at Merchants Bank (later Whitney). Most of all, she loved her family and cared for them in every way possible. We are forever thankful to have had her as our matriarch. She was a won-



derful mom to Connie Bourgeois (Ricky), Kim Moran, and Kristy Clark (Larry Hopkins).

She was known as the best Mimi to her grandchildren, Michael Bourgeois (Chancie), Taylor Bourgeois (Alexis Hoffman), Corey Daspit (Maddi), Kari Kennedy (Chaz), Natalie Daspit (Taylor Baron), and Clinton Moran (Samantha), and she was so very proud of them in every way.

Her life was made full by her great grandchildren whom she loved dearly- Jace Bourgeois, Keaston Moran, Cameron Bourgeois, Konnor Moran, and Hudson Borzik.

Carolyn taught us to be strong, generous, and to love each other. She will be profoundly missed by all those who love her. She died at 83 years old on March 13, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Library Foundation of Hancock County-Children’s Room/Bay St Louis, in memory of Carolyn Williams.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 17, 2025 at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carolyn Rita Williams.

Hancock County Tax Assessor / Collector Homestead Exemption Applications Accepted

Homestead exemption applications will be accepted from
January 3, 2025 through March 31, 2025, office located at 854 Highway 90 Suite C., Applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
You must be living in your home on or before **January 1, 2025** to qualify for homestead exemption.

The property must be your primary residence in order to qualify.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- A) Warranty deed
- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County.
(All vehicles owned must be registered in Hancock County.)
- E) If you are age 65 or older, proof of age is required
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits, proof of your disability is required
- G) Is any part of the property rented
- H) Must have MS Driver’s License and Social Security Number

You must refile your homestead exemption application if, on or before January 1, 2025 any of the following occurred

- A) You became over 65 on or before January 1, 2025
- B) You became 100% disabled service Connected veteran on or before January 1, 2025
- C) You acquired a new residence
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, widowed, separated, etc.)

**If you have any questions please call
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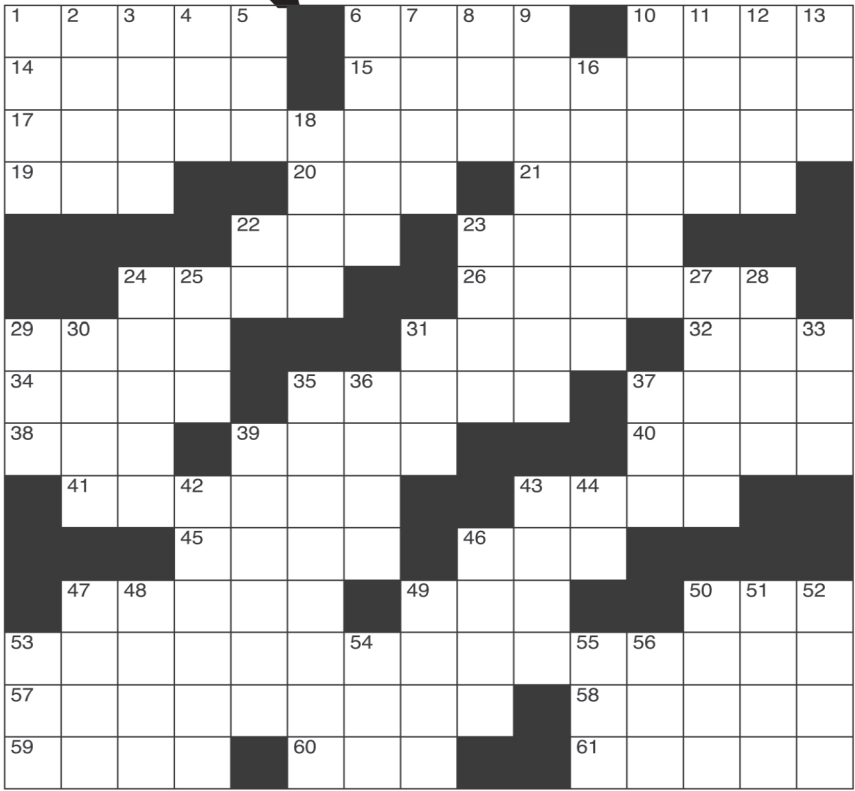


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CLUES ACROSS

1. “The Las Vegas of the East”

6. Cook

10. Manning and Wallach are two

14. Chameleon

15. A way to fill up

17. What MLBers hope to play in

19. Unhappy

20. Indefinite period of time

21. Excites

22. Males

23. Mongol leader Genghis

24. Turfs

26. Soda comes in them

29. Not nice

31. Professional organization

32. Part of a play

34. Sea eagle

35. Emily Blunt’s character in “Sicario”
37. Beige

38. Mental sharpness

39. Valley

40. Alcyone’s husband

41. A place to gamble

43. Flightless Australian birds

45. Call out somebody’s name over a P.A. system

46. US spy group

47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Disfigure

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal

58. Early English council

59. Square measures

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Siskel and __, critics

CLUES DOWN

1. Mouths

2. Buffalo

3. You plug it in

4. Each

5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

6. King of Thebes

7. English name meaning “mythical hunter”

8. Indicates near

9. More herbaceous

10. Gas-powered cars need one

11. Dishonest individual

12. Systems, doctrines, theories

13. The woman

16. The whole of one’s holdings

18. Witnesses

22. Doctor

23. Paul __, Swiss painter

24. Kids look for him on December 24

25. Single

27. Competitions
28. Predict the future

29. Cage for trained hawks

30. Musician Clapton

31. Frozen water

33. Semiformal men’s evening attire

35. Most worn

36. Common soap ingredient

37. Former EU monetary unit

39. Provisions

42. Book parts

43. Republic of Ireland

44. Partner to “Pa”

46. Sammy __, songwriter

47. Dutch colonist

48. Clare Booth __, American writer

49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology

50. Minute arachnid

51. From a distance

52. Monthly apartment cost

53. Young women’s association

54. Tourist destination

55. “Woman” in Ojibwe language

56. Pointed end of a pen

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- What is the April birthstone?
- What are the spring Zodiac signs?
- Which country did the Easter Bunny tradition originate from?
- What is the Sunday before Easter called?
- What U.S. city is usually considered the birthplace of spring break?

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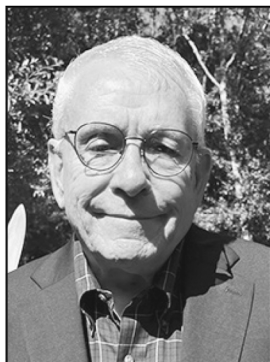
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C. S. LEWIS

By **REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN**



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C. S. Lewis was a Christian apologist, writer, and teacher. His presence dominated much of the 20th century. Many of his works have been popular in Europe, The United States, and in much of the world. Movies have been made

of his life and work. Some of his well-known writings include: The Screwtape Letters, Mere Christianity, A Grief Observed, and The Chronicles of Narnia. Lewis cannot be ignored or dismissed by anyone who wishes to seriously consider 20th Century spirituality and theology.

He has, at times, been controversial. Conservative, evangelicals were highly critical of him in the earlier years of his career. Later, and more recently, they have embraced him, and they have often touted him as a major voice of orthodox Christian theology. More moderate and liberal religious voices have been less comfortable with some of his thinking, and have often seemed to be distrustful of an attitude of arrogance and

certainty sometimes appearing in his writing. Almost every serious critic has agreed that Lewis was a significant scholar and an important contributor to the literature of the Christian tradition.

Lewis was not a member of the clergy. He was a professor of literature at Oxford University, and later in his career, at Cambridge, both in England. His was a powerful and popular voice on the radio, as well as in print during the harrowing days of World War II which took a tremendous toll throughout Europe. He was a faithful participator at worship in The Church of England, although he did at times question some of its teachings. Probably the most evident example of this was in the matter of his marriage. He first

married Joy Davidman in a civil ceremony which was not fully recognized by the church at the time. Later he directly violated church regulations when he convinced a priest to conduct a religious wedding ceremony. This problem was pretty much quietly ignored by the church for years. In current practice this would not be a problem, but at the time some critics were disturbed.

A recent reading of the biography, C. S. Lewis, A Life by Alister McGrath provided a deeper and more complete insight into the life of this remarkable scholar and man of faith. Like most people who strive to seriously seek spiritual truth, the faith of C. S. Lewis evolved throughout his life. He not only grew in faith, but

he also asked different questions as his life unfolded. Perhaps the most profound period in this journey was during the time of the illness, and eventual death, of his wife. He struggled with her passing, and like most people, he had to come to terms with the reality that even faith did not make him exempt from sorrow and unanswered questions.

As I worked through this substantial biography, I found myself becoming more understanding of Lewis the person. There is no doubt that he was a first-rate scholar who took his faith very seriously. He was a profound communicator. Even though I continue to hold some ambivalence regarding his conclusions, I am grateful for his life.

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American Pride Properties, LLC (APP), obtained its interest in the subject property by virtue of that Quitclaim Deed and Assignment dated December 12, 2024, and recorded on December 30, 2024, in Deed Book 2024 at Page 18277 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Plaintiff is the successor in interest to MS TL LLC TESCO Custodian, who was the highest and best bidder at the August 29, 2022, Hancock County, Mississippi ad valorem tax sale wherein the taxes were not redeemed and it was granted a Chancery Clerks Conveyance Land Sold for Taxes dated December 4, 2024, and recorded that same day, in Deed Book 2024 at Page 17338 in the office of the aforesaid chancery clerk.

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TO: TIMOTHY W. ARMSTRONG; ALL HEIRS OF TIMOTHY W. ARMSTRONG; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACTY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH SOLD FOR 2021 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 18 & 19 BLK 1008 SHORELINE PK UN 10 SHORELINE PARK UNIT 10 SEC 40 TWP 08 RANGE 14W RECEIPT #: 2021-1212-00 CONVEYED DATE: 12/04/2024 PARCEL #: 134Q-0-40-031.000 DIST: 1256 CITY: 1 SCHOOL: 2 HANCOCK COUNTY REFERENCE: BK: BB7 PAGE: 620 DATE: 7/31/1986, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

NOTICE

This is a suit by American Pride Properties, LLC, to Quiet and Confirm Tax Title and for Other Relief as to that certain property legally described as:

18 & 19 BLK 1008 SHORELINE PK UN 10 SHORELINE PARK UNIT 10 SEC 40 TWP 08 RANGE 14W RECEIPT #: 2021-1212-00 CONVEYED DATE: 12/04/2024 PARCEL #: 134Q-0-40-031.000 DIST: 1256 CITY: 1 SCHOOL: 2 HANCOCK COUNTY REFERENCE: BK: BB7 PAGE: 620 DATE: 7/31/1986, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Plaintiff, American Pride Properties, LLC (APP), obtained its interest in the subject property by virtue of that Quitclaim Deed and Assignment dated December 12, 2024, and recorded on December 30, 2024, in Deed Book 2024 at Page 18294 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Plaintiff is the successor in interest to MS TL LLC TESCO Custodian, who was the highest and best bidder at the August 29, 2022, Hancock County, Mississippi ad valorem tax sale wherein the taxes were not redeemed and it was granted a Chancery Clerks Conveyance Land Sold for Taxes dated December 4, 2024, and recorded that same day, in Deed Book 2024 at Page 17347 in the office of the aforesaid chancery clerk.

If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this real property and/or any personal property contained therein, you are required to mail or hand-

deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiff, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. Skip Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is 300 Davis Avenue, Ste. 101-A, Pass Christian, MS 39571. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, within a reasonable time afterward at 152 Main Street, Ste. A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Hancock County Chancery Clerk

ISSUE DATE: 3/13/25

BY: Bridgette Ladner
DEPUTY COURT CLERK

Publish three (3) times:
03/20/2025, 03/27/2025,
04/03/2025

I/We, the member(s) of Anthony's Ristorante LLC intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer permit. As provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I or We propose to operate as a Limited Liability Company under the trade name of Anthony'sshawnesss Ristorante Located at 107 Court Street Bay St Louis, Ms 39520; Hancock County.

The name(s), title(s) and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s)/member(s)/trustee of the above named business are: Vita Jolynne Trapani Owner 28 Chapel Hill Rd, Bay St Louis 39520.

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the issuance of this permit a request for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was published. Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division Department of Revenue P.O. Box 22828 Jackson, Ms. 39225 Date of first publication: March 6, 2025

Advertisement for Bids
Hancock County Beach Vending

Sealed bids for the right to operate a Beach Vending site on the beaches of Hancock County, Mississippi will be received by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors at the Board Office located at 854 Highway 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, until 10:00 AM, local time, on April 21, 2025, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. This advertisement is for beach vending sites N-1, W-1, W-2, and L-1 through L-5.

Bid documents, rules and regulations, and locations may be examined at the following location:

Hancock County Building & Zoning Department
854 Highway 90, Suite A
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Copies may be obtained at the office of the Hancock County Building & Zoning Department, upon the nonrefundable payment of \$10.00 per set. The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any and all bids. All bids must be on file with the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors prior to opening time as stated above. All bids shall be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as indicated, Hancock County Beach Vending and the site for which it is submitted. Envelopes not so marked are submitted at the risk of the prospective Vendor. The County is NOT responsible for bids received in the mail after the designated opening time, and those will not be considered. Each bidder must deposit his bid security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the bid documents. By submitting its bid, bidders waive the right to seek damages from the County for rejection or the Countys choice to not accept that bid.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

Published by order of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, this the 18th day of February, 2025.

Scotty Adam, President

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF BERNARD (BENNIE) ANTHONY LADNER, DECEASED
CAUSE NUMBER: 23CH1:25-CV-82-JP
BENARD ANTHONY LADNER, JR., PETITIONER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of BERNARD (BENNIE) ANTHONY LADNER, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 24th day of February 2025, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 24th day of February, 2025.
BERNARD (BENNIE) ANTHONY LADNER, Deceased
BERNARD ANTHONY LADNER, JR., Administrator
Steven Jay Irwin (Bar No. 30333)
Attorney at Law
821 Trace Court
Mandeville, Louisiana 70448
985-869-0991
Sirwvns5@bellsouth.net
Attorney for Petitioner
Publish dates: March 6, 2025, March 13, 2025, March 20, 2025

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

GENERAL NOTICE
City of Bay St. Louis (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Dredging

Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Bay St. Louis City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room located at 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:30 am local time. At that time, all bids received will be publicly opened and the bid amount read aloud.

The work included in the Contract shall consist primarily of Construction of the following items:
Dredging of the Bay St. Louis Municipal

OBTAINING THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
www.baystlouis-msbids.com

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.baystlouis-msbids.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders are to contact the Plan House at (228) 248-0181. No partial sets of drawings or project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

The Issuing Offices for the Bidding Documents are:

City of Bay St. Louis
688 Highway 90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Chiniche Engineering & Surveying
407 Hwy 90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Offices on Monday-Thursday between 8:00am-5:00pm and Friday 8:00am-12:00pm CST.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by Engineer, noted in the Information for Bidders. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidders Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the owner as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the Owner. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The required documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and the outside of the envelope shall be marked plainly as: Bay St. Louis Municipal Harbor Dredging and the Certificate of Responsibility Number.

Bids shall be deposited with the City of Bay St. Louis, 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 or for those interested,

bids can be submitted at www.baystlouis-msbids.com under the project page, prior to the hour and date designated above. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals shall be considered. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to the project manager at Chiniche Engineering and Surveying by email to: nancyh@chiniche.com. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening without Owners consent. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all informalities.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with all Federal, State and Local Regulations and Codes.

Approved by the order of the City of Bay St. Louis Council Members, this the February 18, 2025.

PUBLISH:
1st Advertisement Date: March 13, 2025
2nd Advertisement Date: March 20, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTY DEPREO, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:25-cv-00066-JS

EIDO DEPREO, JR., MOVANT

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Any and all unknown heirs-at-law of CHRISTY DEPREO, deceased whose place of residence, street and post office address are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made a Defendant in a Petition to Determine Heirs filed in this Court by EIDO DEPREO, JR., Petitioner, seeking the determination of heirs at law of CHRISTY DEPREO, deceased. Defendants other than you in this action are: any person with a claim as an heir-at-law or wrongful death beneficiary of CHRISTY DEPREO

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 oclock a.m. on the 14th day of May, 2025, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse, in Gulfport, Mississippi (1801 23rd Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501), and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 14th day of March, 2025.

Tiffany Cowman,
Hancock County Chancery Clerk

s/Cassie Tribble, D.C.

Publication Dates: March 20, 2025, March 27, 2025 and April 3, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTY DEPREO, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:25-cv-00066-JS

EIDO DEPREO, JR., MOVANT

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 12th day of March, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of CHRISTY DEPREO, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 20th day of March, 2025.

s/ EIDO DEPREO, JR.

PUBLISH: March 20, 2025, March 27, 2025, April 3, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CYNTHIA PREVOU PLAIN-TIFF
VERSUS
ROY G. HEYL, WILHELMINA F. HEYL, SAM CELINO, THE LIONAL BOURGEOIS TRUST, ROBERT P. BOURGEOIS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, EUGENE FRANCIS DOW, JR., RITA DOW, CECILIA GUIDRY, EUGENE F. DOW, III, TAMMY DOW, CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN

THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS SUMMONS

TO: RITA MAE BENIT DOW, her unknown heirs and/or successors in interest
CECILIA D. GUIDRY, her unknown heir and/or successors in interest
EUGEN F. DOW, III, and
TAMMY DOW SCHULZ

You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Cynthia Prevou, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint To CONFIRM TAX TITLE.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 East Canal Street, Suite E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 7th day of March, 2025

Tiffany Lee Cowman Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Ashley N. Holland, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CYNTHIA PREVOU PLAIN-TIFF
VERSUS

CAUSE NO. 24-cv-673-CB

ROY G. HEYL, WILHELMINA F. HEYL, SAM CELINO, THE LIONAL BOURGEOIS TRUST, ROBERT P. BOURGEOIS, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, EUGENE FRANCIS DOW, JR., RITA DOW, CECILIA GUIDRY, EUGENE F. DOW, III, TAMMY DOW, CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

TO: ROY G. HEYL, his unknown heirs and/or successors in interest
WILHELMINA FLORES HEYL, her unknown heir and/or successors in interest
ROY G. HEYL, JR., WADE HEYL, CRAIG HEYL, DARYL HEYL

You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Cynthia Prevou, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint To CONFIRM TAX TITLE.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 East Canal Street, Suite E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 7th day of March, 2025 Tiffany Lee Cowman Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Ashley N. Holland, Deputy Clerk

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2017, David L. Brown, a single person, executed a certain deed of trust to William Lee Guice, III, Trustee for the benefit of Keesler Federal Credit Union, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2017 at Page 15521; and WHEREAS, Keesler Federal Credit Union, has heretofore substituted McPhail Sanchez, LLC as Trustee by instrument dated February 18, 2025 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2025 at Page 3549; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Keesler Federal Credit Union, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale. NOW, THEREFORE, McPhail Sanchez, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust,

will on April 3, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry through duly appointed auctioneer and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: Lots 443, 445, 446, 447 and 448, BAYOU PHILIP ESTATES NO. 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Together with all and singular, the rights, privileges, improvements, and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. I WILL CONVEY any such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 26th day of February, 2025. McPhail Sanchez, LLC - SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE 126 Government Street Mobile, AL 36602 (251) 438-2333 Publication Dates: 03/06/2025, 03/13/2025, 03/20/2025 and 03/27/2025.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Edna T. Green executed a certain deed of trust to Cynthia Porterfield, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Gulf South Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 2021 at Page 37945; and

WHEREAS, LLG MS LLC has heretofore been substituted as Trustee by instrument dated January 21, 2025 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2025, Page 4405; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LLG MS LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on May 21, 2025 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

LOT 22, BLOCK 4, SPANISH ACRES ESTATE SUBDIVISION, TO THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 31, OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

LOGS Legal Group LLP
579 Lakeland East Drive, Suite D
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 981-9299
515 Spanish Acres Drive
Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
24-030483

Publication Dates:
March 20, 2025, April 24, 2025, May 1, 2025, May 8, 2025 and May 15, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLORIA DURR MASCARO, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:24-cv-00651-CB

CHERYL MASCARO LO-HFINK, PETITIONER

EXECUTRIXS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of March, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of GLORIA DURR MASCARO, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 20th day of March, 2025.

s/CHERYL MASCARO LO-HFINK

PUBLISH: March 20, 2025, March 27, 2025, and April 3, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE
Heritage Storage LLC located at 926 Hwy 90 Waveland, MS 39576 has Scheduled April 5 2025 to dispose of the following property for default of payment, Chonta Anderson Unit 509, Wilbur Jordan Unit 157. Auction 10:00-11:00 am.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HODGES LOUIS BILBO, DECEASED

NO. 25-CV-99 (MA)

KELLY BILBO WHIPPO

EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Let- ters of Testamentary for the Es- tate of Hodges Louis Bilbo, De- ceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Missis- sippi, on the 7th day of March, 2025, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probat- ed and allowed within 90 days from the date of the first publi- cation of this notice, failure to do so will bar this claim. THIS the 11th day of March, 2025.

KELLY BILBO WHIPPO
Executrix

BY: /s/ Timothy L. Murr
TIMOTHY L. MURR (MSB# 3682)
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A.
2510 14th Street, Suite 1125
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 867-7141

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NO- TICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, Ira C. Hatchett and Bennietta W. Hatchett, husband and wife executed a deed of trust for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its suc- cessors and assigns, which deed of trust was recorded on Oc- tober 22, 2020, in Book 2020, Page 27838 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Han- cock County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assign- ment recorded Book 2024, Page 12800 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on August 20, 2024, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2024, Page 18874, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in ac- cordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC has re- quested the undersigned Sub- stitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, prop- erty and improvements in ac- cordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereun- der, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustees fees and expenses of sale;

THEREFORE, on April 10, 2025, the undersigned Substi- tute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mis- sissippi, to-wit:

Tax Id Number(s): 137B-1-25-029.000, 137B-1-42-030.000

Land situated in the County of Hancock in the State of MS

Index as follows:

Beginning at an old cedar stake on the South side of the Blue Meadow Road, which stake was set for the Southeasterly corner of a tract of land sold by Catherine E. Hutchins to Sarah Ann Bigbee, et al, by Deed dated January 2, 1897, and recorded in Book T, Pages 567-568 of the Deed records of Hancock County, Mississippi, running thence North 58 1/2 de- grees East along the old Big- bee line 9 chains 54 links; thence South 43 degrees East 10 chains 15 1/2 links to an iron stake set at the NW corner of land now belonging to Cooper; thence South 50 degrees West 9 chains 78 links to South side of Blue Meadow Road; thence North 41 1/4 degrees West 11.55 chains to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; being a part of the J. B. Lardasse claim (some- times called the Hopkins claim) in Township 8 South, Range 14 West, in Hancock County, Mis- sissippi.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin- ning at an old cedar stake on the South side of the Blue Meadow Road which stake was set for the Southeasterly tract of land sold by Catherine E Hutchins to Sarah Ann Bigbee,

et al, by Deed dated January 2, 1897, and recorded in Book T, Pages 567-568, Deed records of Hancock County, Mississip- pi; thence South 41 degrees 15 minutes East 276.5 feet to an iron stake; thence North 58 de- grees 30 minutes East 635 feet to an iron stake; thence North 43 degrees West 279.5 feet to an iron stake at a fence corner; thence South 58 degrees 30 minutes West 629.64 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING; being part of the J.B. Lardasse claim Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Missis- sippi. Less and Except that part of the herein above described property which presently lies within the Right-of-Way of Blue Meadow Road.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Commencing at the point where the Southern line of A.L. Bounds property intersects the Northwesterly Right-of-Way of Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and run North 39 degrees 20 minutes West along said Right-of-Way for 83.0 feet to an iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGIN- NING; thence run South 39 de- grees 20 East along the North- ern Right-of-Way of Blue Mead- ow Road for 83.0 feet to a fence corner; thence North 50 degrees 04 minutes East along fence line for 214.64 feet to fence corner; thence North 40 degrees 03 minutes West with fence line for 83.0 feet, said property marked by an iron; thence South 50 degrees 04 minutes West for 213.59 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at the Northwest cor- ner of land belonging to or for- merly belonging to Cooper; thence South 50 West 384 feet along a fence to the fence cor- ner; thence North 44 West 245 feet along a fence line to an iron stake at the fence corner; thence North 58 30' East 384 feet to an iron stake set on a fence line; thence South 43 East 190.5 feet along a fence line to the PLACE OF BEGIN- NING. Said land containing 1.9 acres more or less, and being a part of the J.B. Lardasse Claim in Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Missis- sippi.

NOTE: The Company is prohib- ited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Com- pany does not represent that any acreage or footage calcula- tions are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only.

Commonly known as: 870 Blue Meadow Rd, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520-1608 THE PROP- erty ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PRO- VIDED SOLELY FOR INFOR- MATIONAL PURPOSES.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12th day of March, 2025

/-s/- Robert M. Peebles, III
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
Substitute Trustee
1022 Highland Colony Park- way, Suite 304
Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049
(662) 388-5464
Foreclosurehotline.net

File No.: 24-03148MS

PUBLISH: 03/20/2025, 03/27/2025, 04/03/2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN WALTER DUPAQUIER, JR., DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:25-cv-0093-CB

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JOHN WAL- TER DUPAQUIER, JR.

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 11th day of March, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the un- dersigned upon the estate of John Walter Dupaquier, Jr., de- ceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and regis- tered according to law within 90 days from first publication of this notice, or they will be forev- er barred.

This 11th day of March, A.D., 2025.

s/RENE EUGENE DU- PAQUIER, Executor

Caroline E. Haas
Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
T: (228) 467-6574
F: (228) 467-6575
MS Bar No. 104525

Publish: 3/20/2025; 3/27/2025; 4/3/2025

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of November, 2007, Matthew and Alycia Harper (the "Borrowers") executed that certain Deed of Trust in favor of Preston J. Mauffray, Trustee, for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity/Metro Jackson, Inc., Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississip- pi, in Book 2007 at Page 49676 (the "Deed of Trust"); and WHEREAS, on the 20th day of March, 2008, Habitat for Hu- manity/Metro Jackson, Inc., as-

signed said Deed of Trust to Habitat for Humanity Bay- Waveland Area, Inc., by instru- ment recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 2008, Page 16164; and WHEREAS, Habitat for Human- ity Bay-Waveland, Inc., as holder of said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substitut- ed Paul J. Delcambre, Jr. as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instru- ment dated the 10th day of February, 2025, and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mis- sissippi, in Book 2025 at Page 3231; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the terms and conditions set forth by said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, the Beneficiary having request- ed the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property therein described in ac- cordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due there- under, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and ex- pense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul J. Delcambre, Jr., Substituted Trustee of said Deed of Trust will on the 21st day of March, 2025, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the fol- lowing described land and property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to wit:

Lot 14, Block 138, BAYSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, as per plat or map of said sub- division of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS my signature this the 24th day of February, 2025. /s/ Paul J. Delcambre, Jr.

Paul J. Delcambre, Jr., Substi- tuted Trustee
Prepared by:
Paul J. Delcambre, Jr., Esq.
Balch & Bingham, LLP
1310 Twenty-Fifth Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 864-9900
Publish: Sea Coast Echo
February 27, 2025; March 6, 2025; March 13, 2025; March 20, 2025

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MIS- SISSIPPI

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAULINE LADNER RAY, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:25-cv-0073-JS

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

OF PAULINE LADNER RAY

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 26th day of February, 2025, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the un- dersigned upon the estate of Pauline Ladner Ray, deceased, notice is hereby given to all per- sons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for pro- bate and registered according to law within 90 days from first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 26th day of February, A.D., 2025.

s/LISA GODSHAW LEE, EX- ECUTRIX

Caroline E. Haas
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201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
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MS Bar No. 104525
Publish dates: 3/6/2025; 3/13/2025; 3/20/2025

LEGAL NOTICE
ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICATION

We, the Officers of Pedro's BSL, Inc. intend to make applica- tion for an On-Premise Re- tailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Be- verage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Miss Code of 1972, Ann. If granted such permit, we pro- pose to o- perate as a Mississipp corporation under the trade name of Pedro's located at 1130 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS 39520.

The names, titles and address- es of the corporate officers and/or majority stockholders of the above named business are: Ruben Chavez of 602 North Canal Blvd Thibodaux, LA 7030; and, Ruben Gimenez of 3073 Isle of Palms Dr. W. Mo- bile, AL 36695.

If any person wishes to request a hearing to object to the is- suance of this permit, a re- quest for a hearing must be made in writing and received by the Department of Revenue within (15) fifteen days from the first date this notice was pub- lished.

Requests shall be sent to: Chief Counsel, Legal Division
Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 22828
Jackson, MS 39225
This 13th day of March, 2025.
Date of First Publication: March 20, 2025.
Published: March 20, 2025, March 27, 2025.

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PORT ASPHALT
Project No. PB2502

HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION

Electronic or sealed Bids for construction of Port Asphalt Project No. PB2502 will be re- ceived by the Hancock County

Port & Harbor Commission, located at 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi 39556, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time, April 22, 2025, then bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned.

All bids must be addressed to the HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION of Hancock County, Mississippi; marked SEALED BID TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M., APRIL 22, 2025, and specify the name of the bid project. If bid is submitted by mail, the address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556. If bid is hand-delivered, the street address of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, MS 39556.

When bids are submitted electronically, the same requirements for submitting sealed bids shall apply. Electronic bids shall be submitted online at www.portairspacework.com and shall include a document on the first page stating the same language required on the face of the sealed envelope.

A pre-bid meeting for this project will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 2:00 P.M., Local Time at the Port Bienville Industrial Park, David N. McDonald Business Center, 3060 Port and Harbor Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The project generally consists of:

Cold milling, base repairs, asphalt paving, and striping at various areas within Port Bienville Industrial Park.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment, and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein.

The Contractor will commence the work required by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within 10 calendar days after the date of the NOTICE TO PROCEED and Substantial Completion of the project will be obtained within 40 consecutive calendar days of the NOTICE TO PROCEED date unless the period for completion is extended otherwise by the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The Contractor shall be liable for the continued assessment of liquidated damages at \$500.00 for each calendar day that the Contractor is in default in attaining Final Completion within the time stipulated as provided herein.

Bidder must be qualified under Mississippi Law and show current Certificate of Responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Contractors submitting a written sealed bid must write their current Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing their Bid as well as on their Bid. If the Bid is being submitted electronically through the Online Plan Room, the Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number must be included on the cover page and profile of the electronic bid submittal.

Proposals shall be submitted in duplicate, sealed and deposited with the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw its bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each Bidder must deposit with his proposal, a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% (five) percent of its bid, payable to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, as bid security. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Bidders Proposal forms are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, 14054 Fred & Al Key Road, Kiln, Mississippi. Bid documents are being made available via paper or digital copy. All interested bidders are required to log-in or register for an account at www.portairspacework.com to view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through this website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders should be directed to Plan House Printing at (228) 248-0181. Any questions that bidders might have should be directed to Neel-Schaffer, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 to the attention of Alex Davis or via email at alex.davis@neel-schaffer.com.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Minority and womens business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, materials and/or supply needs.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged and women's business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

By: Blaine LaFontaine, Executive Director/CEO
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

DATES OF PUBLICATION:
March 20, 2025
March 27, 2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
The City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, will receive proposals for Professional Grant Administrative Services

at the Bay St. Louis City Hall located at 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. CST, April 3, 2025, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:
1. Bay St. Louis City Hall, 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520
2. www.baystlouis-msbids.com (log-in registration required)

Specifications are being made available for digital download at www.baystlouis-msbids.com. Interested Bidders can view documents for free, but are required to log-in or register for an account to download or order bid documents. Specification documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House at 228-248-0181. No partial specification manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Vendors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids. For those interested, bids can be electronically submitted at www.baystlouis-msbids.com under the project page. All interpretations of specifications shall be directed to Michael Reso, CAO/City Clerk at mreso@baystlouis-ms.com. The City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi is requesting proposals for Professional Grant Administrative Services. Administrative services shall include, but are not limited to, the implementation of the project in conformance with Federal compliance areas, including, but not limited to: grant application and submission, environmental review (if applicable), financial management, procurement, contract management, labor standards, equal opportunity/civil rights, citizen participation, acquisition/relocation, and close-out. Information provided to the City of Bay St. Louis shall include:

- 1) The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to administration and related work on projects funded with Federally funded grants (0-50 points);
- 2) The past record of performance of the firm with respect to such factors as accessibility to clients, quality of work, and ability to meet schedules (0-20 points);
- 3) Capability of carrying out all aspects of grant related activities (0-20 points);
- 4) Cost of services (0-5 points);
- 5) References from previous clients of related work with the firm within the past five years (0-5 points); and,

Documentation of compliance with E-Verify requirements must be submitted with proposal. Minority and women business enterprises are solicited to submit a bid on this contract. Submittals sent through the U.S. Mail are done so at the risk of the prospective vendor and should be addressed to the City of Bay St. Louis, in care of the City Clerks Office, 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520. The city is NOT responsible for submittals that arrive in the mail after the designated opening time. Submittals may also be delivered in person to the City Clerks Office. Firms or companies desiring to provide services, as described in the Scope of Work, shall submit sealed proposals in an original and five (5) complete hard copies along with an electronic copy on a jump drive. All submittals must be on file with the City Clerk no later than 10:00am on April 3, 2025. All submittals must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as RFP FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATOR. Responses submitted by Express/Overnight services must be in a separate inner envelope/package sealed and identified as stated in the previous sentence. Envelopes not so marked are submitted at the risk of the prospective submitter, and the city assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of same by any city employee. The City Clerk or Authorized Representative will meet at the City Hall Conference Room at 10:00am on April 3, 2025 and will then and there open, read aloud the proposals. The ad-

ministration will then take the proposals for review and consideration to make a final recommendation to the city council. The governing body reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive informalities. For more information, please contact Mike Reso, City Clerk for the City of Bay St. Louis, MS at 228-466-5457 or mreso@baystlouis-ms.gov.

Publish Dates: Thursday, March 13, 2025 and Thursday, March 20, 2025.

NOTICE
Petersons Storage & Investments, LLC will hold a public sale or disposed of to enforce a lien imposed on said property as described below, pursuant to the Mississippi Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Mississippi Code 85-7-121 to 85-7-129 at 3:00 P.M. on Friday April 4th 2025, at Petersons Storage, 23490 Hwy 603 Kiln, MS 39556. All units will be sold to highest bidder and the sale is open to the public. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. For more information call 228-255-8161. Tenant last known name and address.

Jimmy Evans
24316 Road 357
Kiln Ms 39556

Zachary Hass
21110 road 365
Kiln Ms 39556

Jodi Cobb
17 Rutledge Road
Wiggins Ms 39577

Johnny Holloway
583 MT Carmel
Prentiss Ms 39474

Run date 03/20/25
Run date 03/27/25

NOTICE
Petersons Storage & Investments, LLC will hold a public sale or disposed of to enforce a lien imposed on said property as described below, pursuant to the Mississippi Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Mississippi Code 85-7-121 to 85-7-129 at 1:00 P.M. on Friday April 4th 2025, at Petersons Storage, 20180 Hwy 603 Perkinson, MS 39573. All units will be sold to highest bidder and the sale is open to the public. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. For more information call 228-255-8161. Tenant last known name and address.

Charlamayne Walsh
6020 Jordan Road
Perkinston, Ms 39573

Anna Skipper
31426 Crane Creek Rd
Perkinston, Ms 39573

Linda Peterson
1217 A Russell Dr
Waveland, Ms 39576

Melissa Vamado
24051 Road 379
Kiln, Ms 39556

Damon Peterson
23215 Billy Green road
Kiln, Ms 39556

Shannon Baker
13780 Vidalia Road Lot 94
Kiln, Ms 39556

Alex Hutchins
52 Preacher Powell Rd
Carriere, Ms 39426

Lisa Kelly
56746 Hilltop Church Rd
Angie, La 70426

Courtney Saucier
46 Ad Parker Road
Poplarville, Ms 39470

Gage Johnson
17 Joe Traylor
Hattiesburg, Ms 39402

Krasinda Cuevas
21440 Highway 603
Kiln, Ms 39556

Jason Mc Davit
9617 NW 43rd Court
Coral Springs, FI 33065

Run date 03/20/25
Run date 03/27/25

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 18, 2017, executed by ROBERT W HAMBLEN and LORETTA E HAMBLEN AKA EILEEN K. HAMBLEN conveying certain real property therein described to TERRY L CAVES, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR THE FIRST - A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded September 25, 2017, in Deed Book 2017, Page 20572; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.; and WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on April 9, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the Front Door of the Han-

cock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit: LOT 6, BLOCK 6, CASTRO'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF KILN, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. ALSO: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4, SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 226.73 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF KILN-DELISLE ROAD (50 FEET WIDE); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 74 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 179.05 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SISTER MARY ELLEN ROAD (50 FEET WIDE); THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, NORTH 07 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST 179.12 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF CASTRO'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF KILN; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE, NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 32,870 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. ALL AS PER SURVEY BY SIDNEY F. FOURNET & ASSOCIATES DATED MAY 24, 2006. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 6010 KILN DELISLE ROAD, KILN, MS 39556. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 rslaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401 PUBLISH: 03/13/2025, 03/20/2025, 03/27/2025, 04/03/2025

Notice of Sale
Notice is hereby given that Diamondhead Storage, L.L.C., 4376 Leisure Time Dr., Diamondhead, MS 39525 will sell at private sale for cash the contents of unit B-54, Charles Marble. The sale shall take place on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Diamondhead Storage, L.L.C., 4376 Leisure Time Dr., Diamondhead, MS 39525

Please run ad on Thursday, 03/20/25

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHARON BECKER COUTURE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO:23CH1:24-cv-153-CB
GRETCHEN KRAFT

EXECUTRIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 12th day of June, 2024 by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi to Gretchen Kraft, Executrix upon the Estate of Sharon Becker Couture, deceased, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of Court for probate and registry according to the law within 90 days from the first date of publication of this Notice, or they will forever be barred. This the 14TH day of March, 2025.

Gretchen Kraft, Executrix
Estate of Sharon Becker Couture

/s/ Edward Gibson, Esq.
Edward Gibson, Esq.

Gibson Law, P.A.

COUNSEL FOR THE ESTATE:
Edward Gibson, Esq., MSB NO. 100640
Gibson Law, P.A.
544 Main Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Ph: (228) 467-4225; Fax: (228) 467-4212
Email: edward@gibsonlawpa.com

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2022, executed by STEVEN H FLOYD and LINDA S FLOYD conveying certain real property therein described to 20/20 TITLE, LLC, as Trustee, for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE AMERISAVE MORTGAGE

CORPORATION, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi filed and recorded September 21, 2022, in Deed Book 2022, Page 27712; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to AmeriSave Mortgage Corporation; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on May 1, 2025 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the Front Door of the Hancock County Courthouse, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit:

THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BAY SAINT LOUIS, COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF MS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOTS 16 AND 17, SQUARE 8, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 4, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 4080 7TH AVE, BAY ST LOUIS, MS 39520. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
rslaw.com/property-listing
Tel: (877) 813-0992
Fax: (470) 508-9401

PUBLISH: 03/20/2025, 04/10/2025, 04/24/2025, 04/17/2025,

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

VALEX GILBEAU, III
PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1: 25-cv-114-JS

ESTATE OF ROBIN W. POIRIER, DECEASED, ANDREIN NICOLE TALBOT, EXECUTRIX STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

Lot 76, MALLARD POINT, PHASE V, Hancock County, Mississippi a subdivision as per the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Also identified as Tax Parcel No. 041T-0-02-042.000. You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Valex Gilbeau, III, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 E. Canal St., Ste. E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 14th day of March, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Cassie Tribble, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

VALEX GILBEAU, III
PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1: 25-cv-114-JS

ESTATE OF ROBIN W. POIRIER, DECEASED, ANDREIN NICOLE TALBOT, EXECUTRIX STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

Lot 77, MALLARD POINT, PHASE V, Hancock County, Mississippi a subdivision as per the map or plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Also identified as Tax Parcel No. 041T-0-02-043.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Valex Gilbeau, III, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 E. Canal St., Ste. E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 14th day of March, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Cassie Tribble, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

VALEX GILBEAU, III
PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CAUSE NO. 23CH1: 25-cv-114-JS

ESTATE OF ROBIN W. POIRIER, DECEASED, ANDREIN NICOLE TALBOT, EXECUTRIX STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, W. CROSBY PARKER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MS and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020 AS DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 31, 2020, OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

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You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this Court by Valex Gilbeau, III, the Petitioner, seeking Complaint to Confirm Tax Title.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 101 E. Canal St., Ste. E, Post Office Box 1682, Picayune, Mississippi 39466.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF

DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 14th day of March, 2025.

Tiffany Lee Cowman, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi

By: Cassie Tribble, Deputy Clerk

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARL EVANS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 22-cv-00640 MA JESSE CARLTON EVANS, PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI-COUNTY OF HANCOCK TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF WILLIAM CARL EVANS, DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioner, Jesse Carlton Evans, seeking an adjudication of the heirs-at-law of William Carl Evans, Deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §91-1-27 (As Amended) filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 19th day of May, 2025 before the Honorable Margaret Alfonso in the Courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse at 1801 23 Avenue, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §91-1-27 (As Amended). You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so, if you wish. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, THIS THE 7 DAY OF March, 2025.
TIFFANNY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
By: Bridgette Ladner D.C.
Prepared By: EDWARD GIBSON, ESQ., MSB NO. 100640 GIBSON LAW, P.A. 544 Main Street Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 Ph: (228) 467-4225; Fax: (228) 467-4212 Email: edward@gibsonlawpa.com

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CARL EVANS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 22-cv-00640 MA JESSE CARLTON EVANS, PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI-COUNTY OF HANCOCK TO: THE UNKNOWN WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF WILLIAM CARL EVANS, DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Petitioner, Jessie Carlton Evans, seeking an adjudication of the wrongful death beneficiaries of William Carl Evans, Deceased. You are required to mail, or hand deliver a written response to the Petition to Determine Heirs at Law and Wrongful Death Beneficiaries pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §11-7-13 (As Amended) filed against you in this action to the office of Edward Gibson, Esq. Attorney for the Petitioner, whose mailing address is 544 Main St., Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2025, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION TO DETERMIN HEIRS AT LAW AND WRONGFUL BENEFICIARIES PURSUANT TO MISS CODE ANN § 11-7-13 (AS AMENDED). YOU MUST ALSO FILE THE ORIGINAL RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THIS COURT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTERWARD. ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, THIS THE 7 DAY OF MARCH, 2025.
TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY CLERK HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM RICHARD LADY, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1:24-cv-610-JS
PATRICIA LADY and MICHELLE LADY BALL PETITIONERS
SUMMONS THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: TO: THE KNOWN and UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW of

WILLIAM RICHARD LADY, Deceased, whose present residence and address is unknown. You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by PATRICIA LADY and MICHELLE LADY BALL, Administratrix. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint or Petition at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse in Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a Judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an Answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 13th day of March 2025.

TIFFANY COWMAN, CHANCERY COURT CLERK (Seal)

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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St. Rose’ Sociable Seniors “FUN-de-GRAS”

BY LORRAINE WILLIAMS SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

In the spirit and tradition of celebrating the Carnival Season, St. Rose’ Sociable Seniors monthly assembly did not disappoint. The “Krewe of Contentment” held their second annual Fun-de-Gras Ball on Thursday, February 13th. This year’s theme was titled Call of the Wild-‘Having a Safari Good Time’. The room was transformed into a present-day Serengeti, complete with animal print decor, jungle landscape, captivating sounds of the wilder-

ness, melodious music, and, yes, even wild animals, all in keeping with the journey into the wild celebration.

The occasion kicked off with the introduction of our 2024 monarchs, Paul Jordan-King of Content 1, and Kelly Singleton-Queen of Contentness 1. As they took their last walk to the stage, marking the end of their reign, they were cheered and applauded for their year of service and goodwill to the community.

Suddenly Cora the Crocodile appeared, crawling and menacing the crowd. Without hes-

itation, Bill McIntyre, Park Ranger ‘extraordinaire’, intervened. Because of his brave, quick-thinking, and skillful action, Cora had no recourse but to slither away. With safety restored, Leo Maurice Jr. made his way to the stage to graciously accept his title as 2025 Grand Marshall, dedicating the moment in honor of his late father Leo (Bubsy) Maurice Sr, who played a key role in the early stages of Mardi Gras in this area, including building floats. The anticipated time had finally arrived with the reveal of this year’s King and Queen. Everyone was on their feet and gave a rousing welcome as Jay Warner-King of Content II, and Cynthia Warner-Queen of Contentness II were introduced. King Jay, the only child of Jay M and Nathilda Thibodeaux Warner was raised in Bay St. Louis. Jay loves gardening, raising chickens, taking care of stray animals, and loves to do volunteer work. His queen, Cynthia Favre is the second of seven children born to Milton and Agnes M. Favre. Queen Cynthia enjoys embroidery, sewing and cooking. King Jay and Queen Cynthia are long time members of St. Rose Catholic Church. They are the proud parents of two children, Jay

Ill and Christy. King Jay gave a heartfelt toast to the celebration, and the people acknowledge the honor. Once seated at their place on the stage, the animal world decided to make their presence known again, as Linda the Lioness roared at Queen Cynthia, seemingly to authorize that she was still Queen of the Jungle. But Linda was quickly caught, as, once again, our fearless lion tamer, managed to subdue her.

Next it was time to introduce the 2025 Monarch Court, which consisted of Susan W. Allen and David Dedeaux, representing the Tiger kingdom, Sandy Robert and Norman Cowan, representing the Zebra kingdom, Linda Allen and Rufus Allen, representing the Giraffe kingdom, and Gerry Stoltz and Tom Stoltz, representing the Leopard kingdom.

With the entire Krewe of Contentment Court seated, it was time for entertainment, revelry, and fun. The Sociable Seniors Safari Steppers emerged, dressed superbly in animal print, and performed an amazingly high-energy, choreographed dance routine that had the crowd

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ROCKS SPLIT WITH PERRY CENTRAL

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The high school baseball season endured some inclement weather last week which caused some confusion on the diamonds.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Tigers remain winless on

the diamond after dropping three games last week to the Pass Christian Pirates. The Tigers fell 8-3, 13-5, and 13-5 to their division rivals.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks fell to 6-5 overall with losses to East Union 8-5 and Vancleave 4-3 last week. This week Hancock is set to open divi-

sion play.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks split a pair of division games with Perry Central last week. On Tuesday, Perry Central blanked SSC 5-0 and on Friday the Rocks returned the favor blanking Perry Central 6-0.

HANCOCK STILL LEADING ON DIAMOND

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The high school softball schedule last week was affected by the same inclement weather as baseball.

BAY HIGH LADY TIGERS

The Lady Tigers dropped a game

to Spanish Fort (AL) 11-1 last week to fall to 4-5 overall. The Lady Tigers return to division play this week.

HANCOCK LADY HAWKS

The Lady Hawks remained on a tear ripping through St. Martin 12-0, Lafayette 3-2, and St. James 12-0. The Lady Hawks return to

division play this week.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents dropped a game to Forrest County AHS 14-4 and a division game to St. Patrick 18-0 to fall to 2-7 overall.



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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baseball Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus pitcher Jackson Orozco. Last week, the freshman pitcher threw six innings against Perry Central allowing just 4 hits and no earned runs with 7 strikeouts in the Rocks' 6-0 victory.

JACKSON OROZCO
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SCHEDULE

- **THURSDAY 3-13-25**
 - **Archery:** Bay High vs Harrison Central, 4 p.m.
 - **Lacrosse:** Saint Stanislaus vs Chaos, 6:30 p.m.
 - **Tennis:** Bay High at Hancock, 4:30 p.m.
 - **Track & Field:** Rock-A-Chaw Invitational (SSC, OLA, Bay High, Hancock), 4 p.m.
- **FRIDAY 3-14-25**
 - **Baseball:** Bay High at Pass Christian, 7 p.m.
 - **Baseball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Perry Central, 7 p.m.
 - **Softball:** Hancock vs St. James, 6:30 p.m.
 - **Softball:** OLA at St. Patrick, 5:30 p.m.
- **SATURDAY 3-15-25**
 - **Baseball:** Bay High vs Pass Christian, 12 p.m.
 - **Baseball:** Saint Stanislaus vs Mobile Christian, 1:30 p.m.
 - **Lacrosse:** Saint Stanislaus at Southern Elite, 10 a.m.
 - **Softball:** Hancock at Florence, 1 p.m.
 - **Softball:** Hancock at Brandon, 3 p.m.
 - **Track & Field:** Saint Stanislaus at Gulf Shores (AL), 9 a.m.
- **MONDAY 3-17-25**
 - **Archery:** OLA at South State Championship, 12 p.m.
 - **Softball:** OLA at West Marion, 5:30 p.m.
- **TUESDAY 3-18-25**
 - **Baseball:** Bay High at Greene County, 4 p.m.
 - **Baseball:** Saint Stanislaus vs St. Patrick, 7 p.m.
 - **Softball:** Bay High at Pass Christian, 6:30 p.m.
 - **Softball:** Hancock vs George County, 6:30 p.m.

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on their feet. Zorah the Zebra joined in with the Steppers to conclude this years' Call of the Wild Fun-de-Gras. A good time was had by all!

Special thanks to DJ Dennis for keeping the occasion lively with his musical selections.

St. Rose Social Seniors meet each 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30am in the Holy Spirit Center located on Necaise Avenue. Seniors 60 years of age and older are all invited to attend this social gathering. The next session will be held on Thursday, May 8th . The theme will be "Blossoming into



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MEET THE 2025 BAY ST. LOUIS CANDIDATES

— APRIL 1, 2025 —

**THE SEA COAST ECHO
SENT OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE
TO EACH CANDIDATE RUNNING
IN THE 2025 BAY ST. LOUIS
ELECTION.
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MAYORAL CANDIDATES

MIKE FAVRE (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I was born and raised here in Bay St. Louis, which gives me a deep-rooted connection to the community. Professionally, I served as a Councilman at Large from 2013 to 2017, and I've been proud to serve as Mayor since 2017. During my time in office, I've focused on creating a transparent, accessible administration with an "Open Door Policy" so that I can address the concerns of residents directly. I understand that good governance is about teamwork, and I've always surrounded myself with talented individuals who share a passion for making our city better. I've used my experience to secure funding for important projects and to build relationships with local, state, and national leaders to ensure Bay St. Louis thrives.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?



MIKE FAVRE

I'm seeking re-election because I'm deeply committed to this community and want to continue the work we've started. Over the past 8 years, we've restored fiscal stability to the city, improved public safety, and enhanced quality of life. I hope to keep moving Bay St. Louis forward by balancing growth with the preservation of our unique charm, ensuring that our city remains clean, safe, and financially strong for future generations.

3. What do you think the number one issue Bay St. Louis is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The number one issue facing Bay St. Louis is balancing our growth while preserving the things that make our town special. We're seeing

great interest in development, and while that's a positive sign, we must ensure that growth doesn't outpace the infrastructure and services our community has. I led the effort on a new comprehensive plan, "BSL 2045," to make sure we're listening to residents and addressing their needs while ensuring sustainable, responsible growth.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

The best thing about living in Bay St. Louis is the sense of community. We truly are a place apart. It's a town where everyone knows each other, and there's a real pride in our history and way of life. Whether it's the local festivals, the beautiful beaches, or just the warm, welcoming people, Bay St. Louis has a unique charm that I'm proud to call home.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

I would like to see enhanced recreation for adults and children. Wards 5 & 6 need improved public parks. We took a major step with the recent construction of the pickleball courts, the hiring of a recreational director who has brought organized football and basketball back to our youth, and budgeting money for maintenance of our parks. However, I would still like to see more recreational opportunities for our citizens by improving existing facilities, adding new facilities, and growing youth and adult recreational programs.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

The City has hired a consulting firm to write a new zoning ordinance based upon the results from the completed "BSL 2045" Comprehensive Plan.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

First, under my leadership as Mayor, the City was brought into great financial shape by increasing efficiencies throughout all departments. For the first time in years, I can proudly say the City is financially sound. When I took office, at the end of fiscal year 2017 we had \$75,000 in the general fund. Now, at the end of fiscal year 2024 we had nearly \$3 Million.

Next, I will continue to focus on enhancing economic development and encouraging responsible growth, which will increase the city's long term revenue potential.

Lastly, I will continue to seek and secure state and federal grants, as I have done in the past, to fund key infrastructure projects and community improvements.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

I believe in listening to the people. I'd continue the "Open Door Policy" I've instituted in my office, where every resident can share their concerns or ideas directly with me. Transparency and

community involvement are top priorities. One of my first actions was to make City Council agendas and meetings easily accessible to the public. You can also find me at ribbon cuttings, fundraisers, a benefit fish fry, school events, the Crab Fest, CASA events, Boys & Girls Club event, Hope Haven events, Second Saturday, and many other community events where I'm always willing to speak with our citizens.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

If I received a \$1 million grant, I would leverage it with matching funds for grants to enhance our city's infrastructure, particularly drainage and dredging. I would also pursue grants in areas that improve public safety and quality of life, such as expanding our park systems, improving waterfront access, and addressing any remaining gaps in our stormwater management system. By using the money as the city's match, the \$1 million could easily grow to \$5 million or more.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

There are so many wonderful places to enjoy in Bay St. Louis. I love spending time riding my golf cart with my family along our beautiful beach, especially in the early mornings or at sunset. The Old Town area is a fantastic place to walk around, grab a bite to eat, or just enjoy the

local shops and galleries. I also love spending time with friends and family in our waterfront communities as there is nothing like a crawfish boil on the River. And let's not forget Wednesdays at the Depot! I have enjoyed watching that dream become a reality.

GARY KNOBLOCK (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I am 62 years of age and have a lifetime of professional/educational experiences and training. Being a former police officer in the City of Gretna (2 years) and the City of Ft. Worth, TX (10 years), I have broad knowledge of police procedures and investigations. I specialized in organized crime and intelligence investigations and received over 60 commendations to include the Medal of Valor, Police Commendation Award and the Certificate of Merit, but in 1996, I left Ft. Worth and moved to the Bay to help take care of my father. This is when my life really started. Within two months, I opened Lightning Quick Signs, and for the last 29 years, I have built a flourishing and thriving business employing at one point 20 employees. This small business has survived numerous hurricanes, and economic downturns that I endured and overcame. In this journey, I have met thousands of people from all walks of life who are known as Katrina survivors. Over the years, I have supported hundreds of athletic causes, local churches, fundraisers,



GARY KNOBLOCK

people in need, and assisted thousands of businesses to become successful. I have served on many boards such as the Hancock County Boy and Girls Club, The Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, Chairman of the BSL Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Hancock County Library Foundation just to name a few. In this time, I met my wife Cindy Knoblock and we adopted our one and only daughter Mackenzie who is a Sophomore at Our Lady Academy. Currently, I am at the end of my second term as Councilman At Large. Other than the Mayor, I am the only councilman elected city-wide and have the unique task of representing all the citizens of Bay St. Louis.

So, to answer the question of how I would apply my life experiences to the office of Mayor, just reread the paragraph. I didn't know it in 1996, but the sum of my life experiences has prepared me to be Mayor of Bay St. Louis.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

Currently, I am the Councilman At Large and have been for the last 8 years. I am seeking the office of Mayor and hope to continue the small-town charm that we love so

much but have strayed away from. My main goal is to reduce the debt burden the city carries, implement consistent ongoing maintenance schedules to include drainage repair, street repair, building and infrastructure repair, and to enforce all the ordinances equally, including the noise ordinance. Also, to provide the city employees the tools needed to succeed in their tasks.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

If elected Mayor, I want to add a certified city planner to the building department to manage the new comprehensive plan. We are a tourist destination, and we must adhere to the plan to avoid pitfalls of high-density neighborhoods. BSL needs a person who is tasked with improving the image of the city. I think a city planner could achieve this goal.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

I love living in a beach town. What I love most is there is something for everyone here. Fishing, water skiing, many outdoor activities, arts programs, The Little Theatre, and so on. It's all here.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

The biggest complaint I hear is that ordinances are not enforced equally and consistently, such as golf carts parking on sidewalks, noise violations from area bars, and parking violations in area neighborhoods and at

local VRBO residences. We must maintain the peace for our residents. Equal and consistent enforcement of ordinances is crucial to maintain this tourist city.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

City-wide zoning needs to be updated. R1 housing should be the primary zone in our residential areas. We need to weed out R-2 and R-3 zones that encourage high density housing. For example, if a property owner splits a 100' R-2 lot into 2 50' lots, then that person can legally build two R-2 housing units. We need to close loopholes in the zoning ordinance.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1. Pay cash for new items when the budget allows, and budget to pay cash. This saves on interest and fees. Cut unnecessary spending. Currently, the city has over 50 million dollars in projects on the books. We need to re-evaluate what is needed, as to what is wanted, and keep the needed projects. The debt service the city has on the books is a burden and will trigger a tax increase if not addressed.

2. Re-align city revenues as they apply to casino revenues. Casino revenues should be used to pay for discretionary capital improvements, instead of using casino revenues to pay day-to-day operations such as payroll and other department expenses, which can be backed with ad valorem revenues. If an emergency occurs, and we

lose the casino revenues, the city can still operate.

3. The city has to build an emergency reserve fund of at least 3 million dollars. Currently, the city has approximately 1 million dollars. The debris cleanup after Hurricane Zeta cost the city 2.5 million dollars. Having these funds on hand when an emergency occurs, allows for quicker recovery.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

We, as elected officials, should be available when citizens need us. But the city could do more using social media, hold more workshops, and advertise upcoming events to encourage citizen involvement. This is your city.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would like to expand on more recreational places in the Bay, such as a sand-beach volleyball court at the foot of Washington Street. There is ample parking, a comfort station, and space to have four courts as in Waveland. This gives our youth another reason to enjoy our beaches. I would also look into adding two new tennis courts with pickle ball striping next to the new pickle ball courts at McDonald Field. Two tennis courts will yield four pickle ball courts. Again, this gives more athletic options for our citizens and youth.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

Personally, I love our many local restaurants which I visit daily. But I love our festivals best – Crab Fest, Cruisin’ The Coast, Mopar Day in da Bay, St. Rose’s Annual Lenten Fish Fry, Pirates Day in the Bay, Krewe of Real People Parade, Nereids, fishing off the sea wall with my daughter. Bottom line, there is always something to do. Bay St. Louis is my favorite place to be.

WARD 1 CANDIDATES

***JORDAN BRADFORD III (R) IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED & DID NOT SUBMIT RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE.**

WARD 2 CANDIDATES

EUGENE “GENE” HOFFMAN III (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

Juris Doctorate, Practicing Attorney at Law in Mississippi and Louisiana, also licensed in the state of New York. I use my education and skills as an attorney to listen to all points of view, and try to understand issues and matters from all sides prior to making my decision on how to vote on a particular issue facing the City Council.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I have held this position for 8 years, and I am seeking re-election to continue to move Bay St. Louis into the future based on the recommendations from the long term comprehensive plan we compiled from the input of



EUGENE “GENE” HOFFMAN III

our citizens.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The Bay is an eclectic city with many different areas that face their own unique issues and challenges, many of which will be addressed long term by the comprehensive plan and implementation thereof. I believe my specific area, Old Town, is a wonderful place that locals and tourists alike enjoy visiting often. Parking can be an issue on busy occasions, but we have revamped and re-opened the city parking garage, and approved new parking in the depot area which will help alleviate the concentration of vehicles in Old Town. We are also looking at what other cities, such as Ocean Springs and Oxford have done to help alleviate some of their parking issues.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

The one thing I like most about life in Bay St. Louis is the people, my neighbors and friends in the community. I have raised my children here, and can not ask for better people to have been a part of our life in this Town.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

I would like to continue to add more public amenities for our youth and adult citizens alike to utilize and enjoy.

6. If you could change one thing about the city’s zoning code, what would it be and why?

The zoning code needs to be completely redone and restructured. We have zoning designations that until recently, had no chart of uses defined. Other sections that have been changed over the years to a point where often it can be difficult to discern what the current allowed uses are.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

Since I was elected in 2017 the Council has taken many steps to put our City on firmer financial footing. Initially we had to raise taxes, but were able to cut that back some recently. When I was first in office the issues often were no money to do the much needed projects in our City, now our discussions are based more towards what we can do to restore the infrastructure that supports our City and growth efforts. We have worked with the administration to secure grants to help fund many of these much needed projects.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

Since being elected in 2017, I have hosted several town

hall meetings to allow citizens input on issues and decision-making. We as a Council also try to be transparent, to advertise and to workshop issues that need public input. My email and cell phone number are posted on the City website and I make myself accessible to all who contact me individually.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

A \$1 million grant would be nice, but unfortunately would be a small drop in the bucket. I would use a portion of it to create better public amenities for all of our citizens, young and adults. I see the success we have with people of all ages utilizing the pickleball courts at McDonald field. I would like to have one more set of courts and a tennis court built there, but also have other courts and activities in all of the wards of our City. Pet friendly areas and safe child play areas are essential to all of our quality of life.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

My favorite places to spend time in the Bay are on our beaches and waterways. The Bay and the River offer all of our citizens some of the most unique places to enjoy nature and time with our family, friends and neighbors.

NANCY MOYNAN (D)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

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I attended Nicholls State University and the University of New Orleans with focus in English and Philosophy. Then, after asking my mom for some recipes while living on my own, I soon realized that my passion and life’s work would be in the Culinary Arts. I graduated from Delgado College Culinary Arts program ‘94 and worked at Commanders Palace for three years honing my restaurant cooking skills and kitchen management training. I am an entrepreneur through and through, having owned my own businesses in BSL for 17 years. I understand finance management, managing disaster recovery while in business, development of ideas, thinking forward, building a loyal customer base, developing economic strategies that benefited all Old Town businesses, not just mine. I have always made myself accessible and I’ve always been deeply involved in the community, and I will continue to serve my Ward 2 and all of Bay St. Louis in its absolute best interest.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

Serving the public through my life’s work in business,



NANCY MOYNAN

volunteerism and community outreach is in my DNA. I live, eat, shop and participate in a plethora of community endeavors and many of you see me walking all over Old Town, usually walking Jackie O. I am visible and approachable and that won't change when I'm elected.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

At this time, issues of speeding are what I'm hearing from Ward 2 constituents. Speed humps may be a solution in some areas and stricter enforcement in others. I would be willing to hear the speeding complaints and determine dangerous hotspots and share the information with the police department that might be helpful in determining enforcement.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

Definitely the casual lifestyle, the arts and the small business community.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

Gnats and humidity!! Other than that, it's pretty perfect on the whole.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

It's not the zoning codes; it's the enforcement of those codes. With such rapid growth, I may suggest evaluation of codes that they are effective in today's environment.

7. If elected, what three

steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

My city council vote is one of seven and I believe the whole city council working with the mayor in due diligence in proper budgeting and grant seeking for the betterment of Bay St. Louis is a firm foot.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

Talk to me, I will listen, and I will act in transparency and always in the best interest of Ward 2 and the Bay.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

There are logical, responsible things to do with \$1 million depending on when and what an urgent need might be and, in good times, putting it in the bank might be smart and spend a little on less urgent needs. And then there's always parking.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

The Arts, The Little Theater, shops, restaurants, 100 Men Hall, and walking to it all!

WARD 3 CANDIDATES
(PHALBA HOLMES IS
RUNNING UNOPPOSED)

PHALBA C. HOLMES (D)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

Professionally, I have spent

the last 12 years of my life serving the citizens of Bay St. Louis, as well as Hancock County and the State of Mississippi. Understanding the quality of life for the individuals impacted by the decisions we make is essential. Working for these entities, I have developed an understanding of the inner workings of local governments and how things directly affect employees and residents. Moving forward, I will always prioritize what's best for them when making decisions.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I didn't embark on this journey without the support of my community. I truly appreciate their ongoing encouragement, knowledge, and support. My goal is to foster better communication throughout Ward 3 and to strengthen our sense of community. I want us to reconnect on a personal level and ensure that resources are available to those in need. No one should ever feel alone or unsure of where to turn for help, and no 1 Ward should feel left behind.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

What brings people to BSL is our small-town charm, but BSL is growing and will continue to grow. With this recent growth, we haven't fully considered parking needs. While parking may not be a major issue now, with Amtrak services set to roll out soon, I believe it's the perfect time to explore additional public transportation options. I remember



PHALBA C. HOLMES

when we had a trolley system on the Gulf Coast. If we had something similar, running Thursday through Sunday with hop-on, hop-off passes throughout BSL, people wouldn't have to struggle with parking. This would allow visitors of all ages to safely explore the majority of the city, while also generating employment and additional revenue for the city.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

Bay St. Louis is truly a place apart because of its people. We are resilient and in hard times I witnessed how we pulled together like no other city has.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

I would shift the primary focus away from the beach area and instead focus on Bay St. Louis as a whole, ensuring that all wards benefit equally. There is also a lack of engaging activities in the area. We could benefit from expanding with family fun franchise opportunities. Additionally, I would add a bowling alley or skating rink to enhance our entertainment options.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

We have codes and regulations in place for a reason, and we should be enforcing the Ordinances that have been approved by previous councils. I would hold the city to a high standard for everyone. However, in Ward 3, I would like to revisit some of the land zoning. The majority of the land in Ward 3 is designated as R1 for single-family homes. I want to ensure our land values remain competitive and that we haven't lost value in privately owned properties as a result of this decision. As a Councilwoman, it is my responsibility to look ahead and consider how today's decisions will impact future generations.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1st: Seek out more grant-payable loans for special projects while ensuring we maintain our cash reserves.

2nd: Follow the comprehensive city plan currently in place, which is designed to guide us for the next 20 years. Unless something major occurs, we should stick to the plans that have been set.

3rd: I will ensure that the taxes collected are allocated properly.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

I plan to bring information from City Hall directly to you through social media, websites, and citywide email notifications. Additionally, I will host small quarterly

meetings with the constituents of Ward 3, which I like to refer to as “temperature checks.” It’s important for me to have a clear understanding of how the people in my ward are being impacted. It’s also essential to ensure that everyone stays connected and informed about the topics we address at council meetings.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

My focus would remain on the youth. I would love to see a city pool or a community center for teenagers, featuring indoor multi-use courts. I would develop a center where teens have direct access to up-to-date technology and devices, mentors who focus on healthy lifestyles, and a safe space to connect with others.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

I’m really a homebody, but when I do go out, I often visit Harmony Sports Bar and Bistro on Highway 90 for their Sunday Brunch. They serve the best chicken wings and waffles in town.

WARD 4 CANDIDATES

KYLE LEWIS (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

15 years of Hospital/Healthcare Administration and current Councilman for

Ward 4. My basic premise over the years is quite simple and transferable in both healthcare and as an elected official. Treat people right and fight for what is right. Someone once said “I don’t know the key to success but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.” There is no way around it, if you are doing the job correctly you are most likely going to step on some toes. I can put my head down at night knowing that I made the most prudent decision for the benefit of the majority and not for the sake of benefiting a select few.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

First off, I want to commend all the candidates willing to put themselves in the public spotlight by running for office, it is certainly not easy on them and their families.

It is a simple want versus need analysis. Working a full-time job and having a growing family, I definitely do not NEED this added position. Rather, I WANT to be involved to be the voice for my neighbors. I want to preserve the quality of life of all BSL residents that has made our small town such a highly desirable area to live.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Simple answer, density. Bay Saint Louis is facing two of the densest developments in recent years, both of which are located in my ward, Ward 4. I am not opposed to growth but it must be smart growth that is not detrimental to the quality of life of the surrounding area. Fur-



KYLE LEWIS

thermore, it must be growth that is consistent to the surrounding area. We are at a pivotal crossroad as to what the future of BSL becomes. A constituent summed things up very bluntly to me recently, he said “Kyle, Bay Saint Louis is a great place to be if you are a tourist unfortunately, we have gotten here by stepping on the backs of the locals.”

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

I have been fortunate enough to do a bit of traveling over the years and visited some incredible areas, but there is no other place I would want to raise my family than in Bay Saint Louis. From the natural beauty to the strong sense of community, I count my blessings that my wife and I are able to raise our children in such a special place.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

Better adherence to uphold and enforce ordinances that protect our quality of life here in Bay Saint Louis. We have strong ordinances in place to protect the quality of life here. But I would like to see a more concerted effort

amongst the council and administration to enforce ordinances that would best protect all of the citizens. I want less interference from the government in our daily lives but we have an obligation to uphold and protect our citizens by following ordinances in place that will achieve that goal.

6. If you could change one thing about the city’s zoning code, what would it be and why?

Collectively as a council we grant too many variances to the zoning ordinances. I understand that hardships do occur but we have set criteria as to what constitutes a hardship and often times requests do not meet the criteria. Every decision we make now has a lasting impact. Case in point, we may encounter a request as simple as a side yard setback and this seemingly has a small impact at face value but what I have seen is even allowing someone to build a few feet closer to their neighbor could have a lasting negative impact when it comes to drainage and watershed.

We are in the process of engaging Orion planning to evaluate our zoning. My specific request to Orion was to evaluate what areas have changed over the years. Prime example, there is an area off Ballentine that is zoned R-2 which allows duplexes. This area is predominately single-family residences. In order to protect those citizens’ property values and quality of life we need to ensure that we are looking at how the conditions of the area have changed over the years and how that is most appropriately reflect-

ed in the zoning.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

Credit to the current council that we have been able to allocate over one million dollars to our emergency reserve. We must continue to work within the confines of the budget to build that reserve.

We currently have close to 40 projects on our project list. Some of these are great projects but we need to have a strong evaluation as to what is a want versus need. Many of these projects have matching fund grants but there is no such thing as free money, we are all local, state and federal tax payers so we owe it to all of the taxpaying citizens to choose wisely.

We need to work on winding down our debt ratio. We will be paying on the 2020 bond for the next 20 years. We must be very diligent, and this goes back to the project list as to what projects we are willing to borrow funds. We are in a strong financial position to be able to pay for projects that have been budgeted or using road and bridge funds that would not increase our debt/borrowing ratio.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

I am available 24/7, I want constituents to reach out to me and I want them to know I am always available. My cell is 228-342-0023 and my email is klewis@baystlouis-ms.gov

9. If you received a \$1 mil-

lion grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

Again, no such thing as free money as most grants are state/federal dollars so I am going to assume this question is a "private donation." We need a stronger push for recreational opportunities for our youth. In fact, the council passed a resolution unanimously in 2021 that would place a referendum for voters to decide if we wanted to implement a 2% hosting fee on all short-term rooms in the city. This resolution would strictly be a "tourist tax" and local residents would not be impacted financially but rather would benefit from this in the estimation of about \$350k/year. The beauty of this proposal is that the money is specifically earmarked for parks and recreation. The resolution passed the Senate floor but unfortunately did not get passed through by our local state representative. My vision for these funds would be to re-configure the sports plex that would allow for upgraded fields and surfaces for our youth. Also, we essentially have one tennis court in a town that prides itself on being a "tourist destination." Yes, we recently did pickle ball courts which have been a great addition, but we are still in desperate needs to expand facilities for our youth to keep them engaged locally and not have to travel to other cities to participate.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

There is no such thing as a bad spot in Bay Saint Louis when surrounded by family and close friends. Very for-

tunate to call Bay Saint Louis home.

JIMMY OSBOURN (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background, and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I have worked in the beverage industry for more than 35 years. Twenty-eight of those years have been at a high level, managing and training sales, marketing, and distribution teams to provide business solutions for my company and those of my suppliers and key accounts. I have extensive experience in building and maintaining budgets and delivering profits through careful management execution and income statement analytics.

My experience as a managing director in the private sector will enable me to provide sound business advice and help make decisions to provide smart growth and a bright future for the city of Bay St. Louis.

2. Why are you seeking public office, and what do you hope to achieve?

As a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, the opportunity to help lead the city into the future and make it an even better place to live, raise a family and start and operate a business for generations to come has long been a dream of mine. I would like to see a more transparent and initiative-taking approach from the city council.

3. What do you think is the number one issue the Bay is facing right now, and how would you address it?



JIMMY OSBOURN

The number one issue in my mind is that communication and a willingness to support ideas and express core values need to improve between city leaders and residents. Creating an environment and structure that is more open and creates better opportunities for this would be central to my service.

4. What is the one thing you like most about life in Bay St. Louis?

As a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, I feel like I am on vacation when I return from work. I have always worked out of town and returning home is like a vacation. Promoting and showcasing what a great place Bay St. Louis is to live has been the driving force in my involvement in Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Fest for 36 years. This festival is a key driver in providing funding for Catholic Education in the community. It also attracts more than 50,000 attendees locally and from surrounding areas and states.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

I would like to create and execute with all city leaders a more initiative-taking

approach for city governance that provides better retention and morale for city employees. This in turn will improve efficiencies for services provided to the residents of Bay St. Louis.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Fair but Firm-Don't do for one that you can't do for all. I would like to have a fair but firm approach with our zoning ordinances.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1.Pursue Federal Grants – Obtain federal funds that can be made available for funding opportunities to maximize financial investments without placing that burden on the residents of Bay St. Louis.

2.Diversifying Revenue Streams – Exploring new revenue generating opportunities that include promoting local business growth, enhancing tourism, and implementing programs that support sustainable development. Encouraging private sector and non-profit partnerships can also help in funding community projects.

3.Investment in Infrastructure – Infrastructure improvements that stimulate economic growth, such as upgrading transportation systems and public spaces that will enhance the quality of life for residents and attract new business. This will ultimately result in increasing tax revenue.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

As council member with a commitment to transparency and open communication, I will ensure a forum and environment for ample opportunity for all residents to voice concerns and opinions.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city in any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

It would be important to me to carefully study the needs and opportunities for the city to provide the greatest ROI among all available options.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

My favorite place in Bay St. Louis is Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic church, our crab fest brings together friends, family and really the entire community, not only on that July 4th weekend, but for the many months of planning and preparation needed to provide a quality festival. Proceeds from the crab fest enriches the youth of our community!

WARD 5

LINDA KAY DAVIS (R)

1.What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

Educational Background:

- Graduate of Bay High School
- Associate of Science in Business, MGCCC
- Bachelor of Science in Education, USM

Professional Background:

I am a retired educator and currently serve as a program manager. Both roles have refined my public service skills,

and I take pride in utilizing these abilities to benefit our community. My experience includes, but is not limited to:

- Financial management of various programs
- Managing initiatives and adhering to budgets
- Overseeing projects from start to finish

Prioritizing resources and effective communication

These skills will help me make informed decisions about city projects, develop and implement policies, manage resources wisely, and work effectively with city departments, neighboring areas, and community members. I also have a deep understanding of our area’s diverse needs and the ability to communicate and represent our community effectively.

By leveraging my educational background and program management experience, I can better understand the challenges our residents face and work towards practical solutions. My goal is to create a positive impact in our community through effective governance and support for local initiatives.

Community Involvement: Graduate Leadership Hancock County

Member of the Bay Saint Louis 2045 Advisory Committee

Member of the Hancock County Republican Women’s Club

Volunteer of numerous school booster clubs and various community organizations and fundraisers

These experiences have taught me the value of teamwork, perseverance, and clear communication, enabling me to advocate for and represent our community effectively. My goal is to ad-



LINDA KAY DAVIS

dress local challenges with practical solutions and foster positive growth for Bay Saint Louis.

2.Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I am seeking reelection as the Ward 5 city council representative to continue making a positive difference in our community. My focus is on addressing key issues such as infrastructure improvements and sustainable development, all while preserving the unique “cozy Bay feeling” that defines Bay Saint Louis.

Serving on the city council allows me to listen to residents’ needs and collaborate on effective solutions. Together, we can build a stronger, more dynamic city while maintaining its cherished small-town charm.

What I hope to achieve:

Infrastructure Improvements: Prioritize critical needs like drainage systems, canal maintenance, road repairs, and public facilities to meet our community’s growing demands.

Economic Development: Support local businesses and attract new investments to boost the economy, create jobs, and enhance residents’ quality of life.

Community Engagement:

Foster inclusivity by organizing town hall meetings, encouraging resident participation, and ensuring open communication between the council and the public.

Environmental Sustainability: Promote sustainable practices and protect natural resources, including our beaches and waterways, for future generations.

Public Safety: Collaborate with law enforcement and emergency services to ensure Bay Saint Louis remains a safe and welcoming place to live and work.”

3.What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The biggest challenge facing Bay Saint Louis today is managing its rapid growth while upgrading the infrastructure needed to support it. Growth brings exciting opportunities but also presents complex issues that require thoughtful and proactive planning.

To address this challenge, it’s crucial to tackle current infrastructure issues while preparing for future demands. A ‘pre-maintenance plan’ is key to ensuring the city’s systems and services can keep pace with its growing population. My proposed strategies include:

Updating Ordinances: Review and revise city ordinances to align with the trajectory of growth and development.

Projecting Utility Demands: Forecast the usage of utilities like water, electricity, and sewage systems to meet future needs across the city.

Drainage Maintenance: Upgrade and maintain drainage systems to reduce flooding, particularly in areas prone to water accumulation.

Road Maintenance: Ensure roads are regularly repaired and paved to handle increased traffic and meet transportation demands.

Public Area Maintenance: Keep public spaces and rights-of-way well-maintained to improve the city’s aesthetic and provide a welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

By addressing these issues today and adopting a forward-thinking approach, Bay Saint Louis can continue to grow in a way that meets the community’s needs, supports sustainable development, and preserves the charm that makes the city so special.

4.What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

There are many things I love about Bay Saint Louis, but if I had to choose one, it would be the people. Bay Saint Louis truly has a special sense of community – neighbors helping neighbors, and everyone looking out for each other. It’s the people who make this town what it is; warm,

unique, and full of character. If reelected, I’ll stay focused in supporting my Ward, listening to residents, and doing what I can to address their concerns and keep the community spirit alive.

5.If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

If I could change one thing about Bay Saint Louis, it would be to enhance the corridor leading to our wonderful city, particularly along Highway 90 and Highway 603. As the main entry points, these roads play a vital role in shaping first impressions for visitors and residents. By improving these areas, we could create a more inviting and cohesive welcome to our city.

While Bay Saint Louis is a charming, historical town, much of its character is rooted in its timeless architecture and unique appeal. While these elements are well-established and central to the city’s identity, new developments present an opportunity to thoughtfully align with this aesthetic. I believe in setting clear guidelines

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for future construction that focus on preserving and complementing the city's distinctive appeal. These guidelines could include standards for building placement, architectural styles, color schemes, decorative details, landscaping, and property upkeep. With such measures, we can maintain the essence of Bay Saint Louis while encouraging tasteful and thoughtful growth.

6.If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

If I could change one aspect of the city's zoning code, it would be to implement a mandatory review process every four to five years. This change would create significant opportunities to improve and adapt our zoning regulations, ensuring that they remain effective, relevant, and aligned with the community's evolving needs and aspirations.

With the recent update of our comprehensive plan, now is the perfect time to refine these regulations. Regular reviews of zoning codes would allow us to identify provisions that may be outdated, ineffective, or inconsistent with current development patterns.

Moreover, I strongly believe that zoning variances should be granted based solely on legitimate hardships. Variances should not be subject to arbitrary decision-making or favoritism. Instead, they should reflect an equitable and transparent process, ensuring fairness for all applicants.

7.If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial

footing?

The financial health of a city is a cornerstone of its strength, stability, and ability to thrive. While Bay Saint Louis already demonstrates a solid monetary foundation, there is always room for improvement to ensure long-term prosperity and resilience.

My suggested three steps would be:

Support and Empower Local Businesses: Small businesses are the backbone of any thriving community. By creating targeted programs to help local businesses succeed—such as offering incentives, streamlining permitting processes, and providing resources for growth—we can stimulate job creation and increase tax revenues.

Forge Strategic Partnerships for Funding: Collaborating with local organizations, nonprofits, and state or federal agencies to secure grants and funding for community projects is essential. These partnerships can help finance critical initiatives—such as infrastructure upgrades or public services—without placing additional financial strain on taxpayers. This would be a smart way to maximize the city's budget while addressing community needs.

Review of budgets: It's important to regularly review the city's budget to make sure funds are being directed to the areas that need them most. By allocating money wisely, we can ensure that high-priority projects are properly funded and effectively addressed.

Additionally, I firmly believe in the importance of maintaining existing infrastructure before embarking on new projects. Deferred

maintenance often leads to higher repair costs down the line. By prioritizing the upkeep of roads, utilities, and public facilities, we can save money in the long run and ensure that our city remains functional and attractive.

8.If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

If reelected, I would prioritize involving residents in the decision-making process to ensure their voices shape the city's future. This would include using surveys, public meetings, focus groups, and expanded social media outreach to gather input on key issues and align decisions with community needs.

To promote generational government involvement, I am currently collaborating with Mayor Mike Favre, City Clerk Mike Reso, and the Hancock Resource Center to establish a Mayor's Council. This initiative would provide high school students with the opportunity to engage directly with city leadership, fostering transparency and collaboration. The program aims to inspire long-term community involvement and prepare students to actively participate in local governance. Participants would be eligible for scholarships to further support their educational and professional growth.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

While \$1 million is a substantial amount, it is unlikely to address all of the needs and aspirations of Bay Saint

Louis as comprehensively as we might hope. To maximize its impact, I would explore opportunities to strategically invest the funds and generate additional revenue. By growing the initial grant, we could create a more significant and lasting impact for the city.

With this in mind, here is my wish list for how the funds could be utilized:

Upgrading Infrastructure: I would prioritize canal dredging and flood mitigation efforts for Ward 5 to address persistent flooding issues, alongside other essential infrastructure improvements to reduce flood risks throughout Bay Saint Louis. Additionally, I would invest in sidewalks, modern LED streetlights, and dedicated bike lanes to enhance safety, accessibility, and sustainability across our city.

Revitalizing Parks: Upgrade existing parks with new equipment, landscaping, walking paths, and seating areas, while exploring opportunities to create more public spaces for residents to enjoy.

Supporting Youth and Education: Fund after-school programs, sports leagues, and educational workshops, and establish a scholarship fund to help local students pursue higher education and achieve their dreams.

Enhancing Senior Resources: Improve facilities and programs at senior centers, creating a more comfortable and engaging environment for older residents.

Promoting Long-Term Sustainability: Allocate funds to ensure the maintenance and longevity of these initiatives, preventing future financial burdens while securing the city's continued success.

City Beautification: Use a

portion of the funds for a citywide beautification initiative, restoring pride in our community and showcasing the charm of Bay Saint Louis.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

My favorite places to spend time in the Bay include watching the stunning sunsets on the seawall in the Cedar Point area. I also enjoy walking and biking through my neighborhood, where I can greet people and appreciate the beauty of Ward 5, while also identifying areas that may need improvement. Additionally, I love spending time by the water – whether it's the river or the beaches. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful resource, and I cherish the moments spent there with family and friends.

Another favorite spot of mine is the Old Town area, where I can explore the local shops, enjoy the astounding atmosphere, and support our local businesses. The community events and festivals held there are always a highlight, bringing everyone together and showcasing the unique charm of Bay Saint Louis.

KATHLEEN HUGHES (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

My education and professional background, which are relevant to supporting a position on the city council of Bay St. Louis, are my extensive years of customer service. Throughout my career, I have consistently pri-

oritized providing exceptional assistance to individuals, even if it involves obtaining essential information.

In this capacity, I have gained extensive knowledge in building codes, zoning regulations, and ordinances. Additionally, my experience in office management and account management has honed my understanding of business operations.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

As I aspire to seek public office, I intend to leverage my knowledge to assist our citizens in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life within our cherished community of Bay St. Louis.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The primary challenges facing Bay St. Louis are drainage issues. We must prioritize protecting our residents from potential flood damage to their properties. Continued efforts are necessary to maintain and improve the cleanliness of ditches and waterways. Furthermore, it is crucial to pay meticulous attention to variances and zoning regulations to prevent water from being diverted in inappropriate directions.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

Life in Bay St. Louis has always been a part of my family. Going back to the beginning. The people. The history. The adventures! Fishing and beaches. It's still a treasure and that is hard to not like.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what



KATHLEEN HUGHES

would it be?

While there may be areas for improvement in the Bay, it is essential to preserve its unique charm and values as a charming small town. Family remains the cornerstone of our community.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Bay St. Louis requires an update and enforcement of zoning codes. The current policy of "permission granted, forgiveness sought" is ineffective and should be discontinued. It is akin to attempting to repair a tree with branches that have already been cut off, as many other actions cannot be undone.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

To establish a firmer financial foundation for our city and safeguard its finances, I propose implementing three key measures:

1. Claims Docket: Implement a claims docket to address instances where individuals in positions that are not verified hold paid positions.

2. Retail Preservation: Implement measures to protect

and revitalize our downtown retail district. Paid parking fees and high rents are driving businesses to closure and employees are already struggling with high rents and the added expense of parking to commute.

3. Airbnb and VRBO Impact: Address the impact of out-of-town ownership of Airbnb and VRBO properties on our community. These platforms have contributed to the decline of local businesses and have negatively affected the quality of life in Bay St. Louis.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

To enhance resident participation in decision-making processes, we must enhance public awareness of upcoming meetings and forums where citizens can actively engage and contribute their voices.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

If I were awarded an \$1 million grant for city use, I would prioritize investments in the well-being of families. Children residing in this community deserve access to quality recreational, sports, arts, and educational facilities that ensure their safety and development. Additionally, we should allocate funds to bolster our police force and provide them with comprehensive training to effectively address the evolving challenges we face.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

My personal preference lies

in spending time near the water, whether it's relaxing on the beach, fishing, or simply observing the beauty of birds and sunsets. This serene environment serves as my sanctuary and source of tranquility.

I appreciate the opportunity to address your inquiries and welcome any opportunity to engage in further discussions.

**WARD 6
JOSH DESALVO (R)**

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I have successfully managed businesses since 1994.

ABC Rental from 1994-2006.
Beard Equipment From 2006-2008.

In 2006, I started my own part time business, Water Slides of The Coast.

As the business grew, I became fully self-employed in 2008. Waterslides of the Coast grew into the largest inflatable company on the Gulf Coast. I purchased Gulf Coast Pools LLC in 2023.

I previously served on both the Hancock County Water and Sewer District and the Hancock County Utility Authority. I have served as Ward 6 Councilman since July 2017. I played an integral role in bringing the city into a stronger financial position that it is in today. I feel my experience and dedication make me the best and most qualified to keep Bay Saint Louis moving forward.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I am seeking re-election to my current Ward 6 council seat. I would like to oversee



JOSH DESALVO

the numerous projects that are in the works currently to completion.

I would like to see Highway 603 turning lanes completed and to expand water to all parts of ward 6.

Work to see more amenities in our area.

I will ensure the 3.4-million-dollar Ida Road repair project moves forward.

I'm continually looking for hazard mitigation to raise roads.

We are set to approve a contract on phase 2 of the Bayou Lacroix boat launch, and I am actively seeking funds for phase 3 to add additional parking.

I will work to see the city to buy more equipment and add additional staffing in public works to better serve the needs of drainage and road maintenance.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Rapid development and growth are one of the main issues. We need to have smart growth. We just completed the 2045 comprehensive plan. We are currently working on revising our Zoning Ordinance. I feel this will help the city have a plan for future growth.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

I love the people and the sense of community that you feel here in Bay Saint Louis. And we can't forget the great canals, bayous, beaches and natural settings we are blessed with.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

This is a hard one. I think we have a great city. I would like to see football fields around the soccer complex with additional parking and sidewalks within the complex.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

I would change some areas that have R-2 zoning (multi-family) and zone them R-1 (Single Family). Since 2010 when zoning was adopted, the areas have changed.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

I am happy to say the city is in great financial shape currently.

I will continue to make sure we pass an accurate budget.

I will look at all expenditures to make sure we are spending wisely.

I will continue to be pro-business and pro-development. This will ensure our revenues increase.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

I will continue to ensure meetings are live streamed. Acquiring new software that will allow residents to sign up and receive public notices,

agendas, special meeting notices and more.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

Drainage would be a top priority. Replacing all metal culverts and damaged culverts. I would purchase more equipment for public works to provide better services.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

I enjoy riding down the beach with my wife, taking a boat ride on the river and eating out at all our local restaurants.

TAMI CURTIS GUY (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I attended Louisiana Tech University, and received a BA in art education and a BFA and graphic design.

My educational and personal background is entrenched in the art and teaching field. But from that came a strong business savvy. I have been a full-time artist now for 20 years and have a successful business with my art, both originals and art based products. Making a living as a full time artist takes not only a strong business sense, but also a creative out of the box thinking process. I am a problem solver.

My hope is to bring this skill set to the table, to work with the community as well as the other elected officials.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

The crossing of the educa-

tion, art, and business fields has taught me to be a creative out of the box thinker. But at the same time doing it with clear vision and common sense. It is also ingrained in me a deep sense of researching everything to find the best solution.

This is how I found the Swift Current Initiative grant that I fought for three years with the state and the city of Bay St. Louis to push through. Eventually, my grant was secured through me acting as my own grant administrator. This resulted in me being the first one in the entire state of Mississippi to be successful in this. Because of this, it has opened up the door for many more Mississippians to be able to know the dream of raising their homes going forward.

This journey was a catalyst in my decision to seek public office, one I pondered and prayed over for a year. During my struggle to secure the Swift Current Initiative grant to raise my home, it brought to light components in our city government that are not functioning at full speed. This is not to say that people have not put in good efforts, but I feel there is so much more that can be done to seek out all the resources available to our citizens. Also, there was a significant lack of communication and transparency which became very evident. This is never a good recipe for bearing good fruit.

My hope is to bring the knowledge and experience I gained through those 3 years to help create productive actions for the city of Bay St. Louis... to build up and help find resources as well as be a good steward over our tax dollars.



TAMI CURTIS GUY

Problems present opportunities to seek and implement better ways going forward.

I am a problem solver and I look for permanent solutions, for issues we have now and what we will face in the future.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The number one issue I think always faces Bay St. Louis is flood mitigation. Once again, I have to go back to the Swift Current Initiative grant. When this grant is fully implemented, it will allow so many people to raise their homes out of harms way. That by itself will help with safety, economics, and flood insurance rates. Along with that, we have got to do more to maintain our front line flood protection. That comes with regular maintenance of all ditches, drains, and culverts.

In driving around meeting people, there is a noticeable lag in this very basic of needs. While there has been a flurry of ditch maintenance activity since the election cycle is upon us, we have to remember that floods do not only affect us every four years.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

The main thing I love about life in Bay St. Louis is the people. The vast majority are kindhearted and encouraging. Approachable and community oriented. And, as an artist, I love that the appreciation of the arts is entrenched in Bay St. Louis. What I will say is that I would like for the arts to truly be seen as a major economic gear for Bay St. Louis, because it is a huge part of what makes us "a place apart".

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

Ensuring the city stays litter free.

I know many of us have seen small towns that have organizations and companies adopt areas to keep it litter free and even planted with flowers. We could look at the launching a similar program.

Also, have the grass consistently mowed to make the best first impression.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

The zoning code is a very large and a complex document that must be studied. It is my understanding the Bay just adopted a comprehensive plan and is waiting on the new zoning recommendations.

But I do have concerns on variances. Those variances could eventually have a negative impact on surrounding areas.

I would like to see variances only be considered for extreme hardships.

Also, the charm and environment of BSL is what makes it "a place apart".

Because of this, I would want to protect that with less density, not more.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

There are obvious ways we could be much more fiscally responsible that would not dig into the funds needed to keep our city humming.

For instance:

1. I would like to see us follow the blueprint of Pass Christian in regards to payment for their city attorney. I have called twice to double check their process, and they pay their city attorney \$125 per hour with no retainer fee. And every month, the city attorney has to give a very detailed itemized list showing their hourly work. The Bay St. Louis plan is Butler/Snow receives a \$10,800 monthly retainer regardless and receives a rate of \$200 to \$225 an hour. And from what I can see, and from what has been discussed in past council meetings (unless this component has been changed), there is no detailed itemized list per month of work that is done. I know it was brought up and voted on in the past, but it did not get a majority of votes to be a monthly submission. This also goes back to the need for transparency in our city government.

2. Officials attend the Mississippi Municipal League convention. While it is an honor to attend and learn, I do not think the taxpayers should be paying for the elected officials hotel rooms or any other part of their stay. The officials are given a monthly stipend. Expenses, like a hotel room at a convention, should come out of that stipend. Not be billed to the taxpayers on top of the stipend the officials already receive.

3. Another thing is to be

very financially prudent and have a strong long range understanding about our big ticket items. One that is now hindsight, is the \$1 million that was paid between material, labor, and engineering / contingencies fees on the DBST roads that were laid in 2021. I have reached out to other engineers and pavement companies to learn about DBST, and it all points to the same conclusion. This particular road surface treatment will never be appropriate for a flood prone area. And when the million dollars was spent to lay the DBST roads in 2021, it became compromised within months of being applied because of our weather conditions. Instead of using the DBST, we could have used the 1 million (which is being paid back by us, the folks of BSL, along with interest over a total of 20 years) towards the worst roads with the most housing. And those identified roads could have been paved with the concrete that can stand up to our weather. Then the remaining roads would be paved with the sustainable concrete as we had funds to address them. So basically the other roads would be “ pay as you go”. I am hard-pressed to think that the city did not have this information when it chose to spend \$1 million of our taxpayer money on those roads. And now we are obligated to pay that along with interest for a total of 20 years. Decisions Like this (both big and small) can keep us in a financial dilemma.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

While driving around ward

six to meet people and get to know them and their stories, I had an idea. It would be very beneficial for the elected counsel person to do regular drive-throughs of all the different neighborhoods. Section them out to one to two areas every week each month And make that a regular occurrence every month. Put eyes on what is actually happening in the neighborhoods.

Along with being available for phone calls and text messages, seek to engage a resident in each area who would act as block captain. Then neighborhood meetings could take place every other month (so there is time to engage all areas) where everyone could share their issues and concerns. I know many people have told me they have reached out to their councilman, but communication was lacking and it would become frustrating. I am very aware we would all be busy with our own lives on top of being a council person, and if your life is too filled with businesses and jobs to respond in a timely manner, it makes sense to allow someone whose schedule is more flexible to step in and be that voice to Ward 6.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would use this \$1 million to start a beautification program of hanging baskets for our iconic light post.

For the past 9 years, I have volunteered in the chaplain ministry with the local jail, and an idea came to mind... a greenhouse program started at the Hancock jail as a community service initiative where the inmates cultivate

and caring for the baskets. From the greenhouse to the light poles, they would grow and maintain them m. This could also be used by an inmate in a resume as community service when they reenter the workforce.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

One of my favorite things to do in the bay is to go down to the harbor and stroll around. I love seeing all the boats there. It's probably my artist brain, but it just looks like a beautiful art installation. And then just smile and chat with the people you meet while out and about.

But since I've been running for council, I have to say my absolute favorite thing is having a reason to go knock on all these different doors and meet all the amazing people from all walks of life. They are what makes Bay St. Louis “a place apart”.

COUNCILMAN AT LARGE TAD BLACK (R)

1.What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I graduated from PRCC with a degree in Applied Science. As a professional, I was employed by Stennis and owned a successful lawncare business. In addition, from 1986 to 1993, I attended 95% of all Council and Planning and Zoning meetings, which led to me serving two terms as an elected councilman of ward 4 beginning in 1993. I will apply my educational and professional experiences by finding innovative solutions to support the people of Bay St. Louis and our grow-



TAD BLACK

ing community.

2.Why are you seeking public office and what are you trying to achieve?

I am seeking public office because I want to protect the quality of life that makes our city great, while using a smart growth approach to move our city forward. Growth and change are inevitable, people love our community, and we are growing. In this leadership position, I will play my part in making sure that our community evolves in a way that is enriching for our citizens and keeps Bay St. Louis unique.

3.What do you think is the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

I believe that city-wide zoning is the most pressing issue that Bay St. Louis is facing right now. It is of the utmost importance that we promote orderly growth and ensure that land development is compatible with our collective goals and the future of Bay St. Louis. To resolve this issue, I intend to work closely with my colleagues and the community to develop a smart growth approach with a comprehensive set of regulations for development across the entire municipality.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

The quality of life. We are called “A Place Apart” for a reason! For many of us, our way of life has been passed on for generations. Our heritage, the foundation of our community, is still apparent in our quality of life and I want to preserve that.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be and why?

The one thing that I would change about the city is what I perceive to be the number one issue: city wide zoning. Zoning controls the quality of life and preserves the aesthetics of our community.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Codes and regulations inevitably have to be revised as communities grow. Loopholes surface and unforeseen issues arise. If I could change one thing about the city's zoning code, it would be to amend the ambiguities that create loopholes. Addressing inadequacies in the current code would provide clearly stated regulations and promote a smart growth approach.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

Step 1: Prioritize projects that are already in the budget

Step 2: Adopt a 2026 budget that reflects fiscal responsibility with transparency

Step 3: Find ways to pay down long-term debt

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

Communication leads to better understanding, fewer misunderstandings, improved problem-solving, and strong leadership. In addition to communicating with council members and community advocates, I would hold an annual State of the City address for all six wards. As a person who is invested in the future of our community, I will also let res-

idents know that I am only a phone call away. Through all means of communication necessary, I will involve residents in the decision-making process.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would pay down long term debt. Debt relief reduces possible tax burdens, prevents cuts to public programs, supports economic growth, frees up resources, and determines borrowing power needed for future use. Paying off debt will improve our overall financial health and support our smart growth plan.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

One of my favorite places to spend time in the Bay is cruising down the beach to watch the sunrises and sunsets. So much of our life is represented at those times: shrimp boats coming and going, beachgoers combing the sand, socialites wondering downtown, families strolling the boardwalk, fishermen docking boats, senior citizens waving at familiar faces, and the list goes on.

LONNIE FALGOUT (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

High School Graduate/ U.S. Navy Honorable Discharge/ Transportation Equipment Management & Design. Innovation, budget management plus long term fiscal responsibility.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

Previous Councilman 2013-2017, dedication to bettering and sharing knowledge plus insight to all Bay St. Louis.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The pace of “fast building, over sat-



LONNIE FALGOUT

uration and becoming concrete jungle” must be extremely observed and restricted as necessary by Council thru legislation of building codes and Administration enforced compliance. Set a preliminary “Citizen / Building Officials / Developers/ Council” Workshop presentation on any or all future developments that's Density related/ proposed and or will require tree removal, lot size and numerous

Variations requests including Site Plan illustrations. Upfront / out front before P & Z / Historical or Council requests.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

Charming ambiance of life in an art, tourist based town.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

Continue to strongly continuing the removal of blighted properties, neglected properties and assist owners in bringing them back to values.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Expand help, create smooth assistance & review. Monitor through reports, have yearly discussions and or immediately as needed. **ENFORCE WHAT WE HAVE, CHANGE WHAT IS VIABLE!**

7. If elected, what three steps would

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you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

Bring in “last year’s auditors & report for workshop, bring in Dept. heads for analysis budget review, prioritize Police / Fire / Public Works personnel/equipment FIRST... review completely/ individually all items in debt service then evaluate “income/taxes” needed. Review any and or all Contracts, RFQ’s and or Performance Contracts. Complete review of priority funded FIRST in house needs, projects and streamline, cut or outsource if feasible. NO NEW TAXES, live, use and appropriate within our income parameters. PRIORITIZE our funding first.... Have School Board address Council annually on milage and or Bonds in advance....

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

We must reach out to our private sector of talent, place them on Boards, Commissions and Committees to bring back to Council their findings. Form a Youth Council of our future leaders to receive their involvement and suggests.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

Establish Engineering Specialists/Land Management Architects specifications to assist/start yearly in our biggest problem: Flooding. Topo, dig, clean and divert waters from ditches, culverts and of course CONTINUOUSLY SEARCH & OBTAIN DREDGING assistance long term. We can’t beat “mother

nature” but with funding we can help our Fire & Insurance Ratings.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

The beautiful peaceful Jourdan River neighborhood activities, my 20 devotion of Alice Moseley Museum in my serene Depot District while strolling Old Town Bay St. Louis.... “A Place Apart”

GREG LOFTIN (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I graduated from Bay High in 1992 and have been a dedicated member of my community ever since. Since 2000 I have worked at Sabic Innovative Plastics where I have gained valuable experience in teamwork and problem-solving. As a certified first responder I understand the importance of quick decision-making and supporting those in need. Additionally my coaching experience in local recreational leagues has taught me how to bring people together and foster a sense of community. These skills and experiences make me a strong candidate for the councilman at large as I am committed to serving, improving and fairly representing our community.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I am running to represent our residents because I believe our town needs new and fresh ideas. As our community grows it is important to adapt and improve our ser-



GREG LOFTIN

vices. I aim to expand our tax base to support better facilities and resources for everyone. I want to make sure that our town remains a great place to live and work. I feel that together we can create a future that meets the needs of all residents.

3. What do you think the number one issue the Bay is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Our infrastructure needs to be improved to keep up with our growth. Apply for federal grants to improve and update the infrastructure.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Bay St. Louis?

As a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis I take great pride in calling this place my home.

One of my favorite things about the Bay is its charming small-town feel.

This sense of community creates strong connections among neighbors and fosters a warm environment for families. In Bay St. Louis people know each other and support one another which makes everyday life more enjoyable.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

If I could change one thing

about our city, I would focus on expanding the highway corridor to attract more businesses. This growth would create job opportunities and stimulate the local economy. As more companies establish themselves along the highway our tax revenue would increase significantly. With higher tax revenue the city could reduce other taxes for residents making living here more affordable. Overall this change would benefit both the community and the local government.

6. If you could change one thing about the city’s zoning code, what would it be and why?

Our zoning needs to be more aligned with the area. We have businesses next to homes and such. We need to make sure that our Hwy corridor is ready for bigger growth to expand the tax base.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

If elected my focus of three key steps to improve our city’s financial situation would consist of:

First, I would work to increase the tax base by attracting new businesses and encouraging existing ones to expand.

Second, I would implement strategies to support local businesses such as providing grants or resources to help them thrive.

Finally, I would work with those that can organize more festivals and community events which can draw visitors and generate revenue for local shops and services creating a vibrant atmosphere that benefits everyone.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process?

Just have an open line of communication from phone and emails to text and social media.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would love to invest in a rec area or a place for the kids to have just to hang out and be kids.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

The downtown area, Depot Row, Locally owned restaurants, and Church fairs and festivals

LARRY SMITH (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background, and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Bay St. Louis?

I hold a degree in Religion and English from St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, LA, and a master’s degree in psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi. Additionally, I have Basic Requirements certification through the Mississippi Municipal League (MML). My background in psychology has given me strong listening and problem-solving skills. These skills are essential in developing solutions to the concerns of our residents, while balancing the broader needs of our entire city. My education, combined with my experience in public service, enables me to make thought-

ful, informed decisions that benefit the entire community.

2. Why are you seeking public office, and what do you hope to achieve?

I am running for public office because I am committed to serving the people of Bay St. Louis, as in my previous service as Ward 4 councilman. This city has been home my entire life. I am passionate about Bay St. Louis and its residents. I want to continue working to improve the quality of life for everyone here in our little slice of paradise. My goal is to ensure smart, sustainable growth while preserving the character and charm that make Bay St. Louis such a special place.

3. What do you think is the number one issue the Bay is facing right now, and how would you address it?

One of the biggest challenges we face is balancing growth while maintaining our small-town appeal. As more people and businesses move to Bay St. Louis, we must ensure that development aligns with our infrastructure and zoning guidelines. I would work to strengthen our planning efforts, improve city services, and ensure that growth benefits all residents without compromising the charm and hospitality that define our community.

4. What is the one thing you like most about life in Bay St. Louis?

I treasure the slow, easy pace of life and the hospitality of our people. Bay St. Louis has a unique, welcoming atmosphere that makes everyone feel at home. Whether you've lived here your whole life or just arrived, there's a strong sense of community that makes this city special.

5. If you could change one thing about the city, what would it be?

I would focus on diversifying our local economy. While tourism is a vital part of our success, we need to attract more industries and businesses that provide stable, year-round jobs. A more diverse economy will help ensure long-term financial stability for



LARRY SMITH

our city and its residents.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Zoning laws help maintain the character and integrity of our city. I believe we need to ensure that any changes remain in line with our comprehensive plan, Bay St. Louis 2045. The city presented the new comprehensive plan in 2022, which can be found on the city website. It is imperative to keep our zoning laws in line with this plan and not change or enact laws that would deflect from that vision.

To that end, one change I would support is bringing our ordinance regarding container homes in line with the State of Mississippi.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1. Seek Low-Interest Loans and Federal Grants – Maximizing available funding opportunities can help supplement city revenues without placing additional tax burdens on residents.

2. Encourage Business Growth – Supporting local businesses and attracting new industries will generate additional revenue while creating more jobs.

3. Improve Budget Efficiency – Ensuring that every dollar is spent wisely by evaluating expenditures and prioritizing essential services.

8. If elected, what would you do to in-

volve residents in the decision-making process?

I believe in open communication and transparency. I would encourage citizen input by creating more opportunities for residents to voice their concerns and ideas, i.e., a link on my website for reporting issues and voicing concerns and providing a newsletter to keep citizens informed of upcoming issues, points of concern, and other items to keep an eye on. The best decisions come from collaboration, and I want to ensure our residents are heard and valued in the decision-making process. To be the voice of the electorate, you must know what they have to say.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city in any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would use the grant to aggressively attract manufacturing and other sta-

ble industries to Bay St. Louis. While tourism is important, diversifying our economy with well-paying jobs will help reduce our dependence on seasonal revenue and provide more long-term financial security for our city and residents.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in the Bay?

Main Street and the Depot District are two of my favorite areas. These spots showcase the heart of our city, featuring local businesses, restaurants, and events that bring our community together. Supporting these small businesses is not only enjoyable but also crucial to the economic vitality of Bay St. Louis.



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MAYORAL CANDIDATES

HEIDI BOYANTON (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

With 25 years of experience as a co-owner of two successful business, a co-founder of both a non-profit and two super PACs, I have developed both leadership skills and a commitment to advocacy which I can bring to city hall.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I am running for mayor because I'd like to drive smart economic growth within the community. Diamondhead should be more than just a golf community; it should be a sought-after destination with more retail shops and restaurants. We can build our new Main Street devel-



HEIDI BOYANTON

opment into these changes. Enhancing Diamondhead's appeal and provide more amenities for both residents and visitors.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The number one issue I hear from residents is drainage. There are multiple drainage issues that don't have a one size fits all solution. Each problem will have to be dealt with separately with common sense solutions.

4. What is the one thing you

like the most about life in Diamondhead?

There isn't one thing I love about Diamondhead. I love the area, people, and most importantly, the opportunities I see available for us.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

If I could change one thing about Diamondhead it would be reimagining a new front entrance. We could redesign the front entrance bringing it to the year 2025, while keeping some of the existing design for nostalgic purposes.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

With regards to changing a zoning code, I would like to look at changing some zoning to possibly include a waterfront/boardwalk.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

I would use my background in finances to look over the budget and find ways to save money where I could. The budget should reflect the priorities of our residents. After all, it is their hard-earned money that funds Diamondhead.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

I want to involve our resi-

dents by creating steering committees. There are many smart and talented people in Diamondhead. We need those individuals to help shape our community into the best place it can be.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

If I received a \$1 million grant to use for the city, I'm very much a 'save for a rainy day' type of person. I would put those funds into a discretionary account and use it as needed.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

One of the most frequented places I go to in Diamondhead is Twin Lakes. I enjoy bringing my two dogs and walking them on the trail.

ANNA LIESE (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I had the good fortune to grow up here, graduating from Our Lady Academy in 1991. I earned a BA in Journalism at Ole Miss ('95) where I helped hone my early leadership skills as Editor of The Daily Mississippian. After college, with a strong desire to give back, I returned to Our Lady Academy as an English teacher. This was

followed by several years in healthcare marketing, lastly at the former Hancock Medical Center. I then married and had two children, whom I was blessed to be able to stay home with during their preschool years. Needing a flexible schedule, I obtained my realtor's license and worked successfully as a realtor until I was persuaded to return to OLA as its Director of Development after Hurricane Katrina. It was a privilege to be part of OLA's resurrection after being decimated during Katrina's wrath. Life then took us to Madison, MS and later St. Louis, MO before returning to Diamondhead again. During the past several years, I've spent much of my professional time working with the healthcare marketing arm of one of my husband's businesses, as well as being a part-time grant writer. This varied background has given me the tools I need to help Diamondhead grow, and grow smartly, as I've been able to take the good that I've experienced living elsewhere and bring those best practices to our city. My background has also enabled



ANNA LIESE

me to be a good problem solver while keeping a focus on listening to our residents and communicating well, always doing what I can to help them and support our staff.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

Although not an incumbent to this office, I have been on City Council representing Ward 2 since 2022. I am seeking the office of Mayor to continue the good work I've begun over the past three years.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Diamondhead is facing an uncertain future with regard to the restructuring currently occurring at the Property Owner's Association. Since Diamondhead's inception, our residents have always enjoyed the benefit of multiple pools, tennis courts, golf courses, a clubhouse, a marina, an airport, a community center, and also numerous public spaces the POA has always kept well-maintained. Now, as covenants have been expiring area by area, many residents in expired areas are opting not to continue to pay POA dues, as is their right. The question then becomes how does the POA continue to maintain its amenities and common spaces, and if it can't, what role should the city play in making sure our residents' quality of life is maintained? This is an evolving situation without a simple resolution, as we don't yet know how the POA will decide to address its pre-

dicament. I will work to do whatever will create the best outcome for our citizens and will also work on the city's end to communicate well and collaborate when appropriate, fostering a solution where our residents are the winners.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

Hands down, it would have to be the citizens. Not only are they kind, putting their neighbors first, they are an educated, eclectic group with some of the most interesting backgrounds one could imagine.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

This is actually a universal issue, but it applies to Diamondhead as well. I'd love to see people stop speculating on social media as to the motives of others. It would be so wonderful if instead of accusing each other, and especially elected officials, of thinking this or that, those who are concerned would reach out to the people in question, actually going to the source for information. If the first-hand answer isn't what they wanted to hear, then by all means, take it to social media. But, it would be incredible if our local groups ceased to be places for speculation and innuendo.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

If I had to choose only one thing, and because this would have an immediate and large impact, it would be to create

an ordinance requiring uniform signage for commercial strip malls. There have been a couple of new developments behind Diamondhead that have turned out beautifully, and the main reason for that is their requirement of uniform signage, meaning the same size, color, and font. Business owners would still have the ability for some variation within those confines, but I believe that while the existing commercial area is improving all the time, we are not going to look put together until our signage is more uniform, similar to those mentioned above.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

Diamondhead has the Council-Manager form of government, so there is little the mayor can do independently to affect the city's financial footing. What the Mayor can do, and what I would do, is to continue to encourage efficiency in city departments, assist the city with finding grant opportunities, and operate within the parameters of my office, treating all staff with respect, which in turn would keep legal fees down.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

I'd like to see the council have more workshops when larger decisions need to be made so that residents can observe the thought-processes behind those decisions. I'd also like to see us encourage more residents to attend council meetings and likewise, encourage their feed-

back. Good communication can solve many problems and alleviate misunderstandings, and increased resident participation is a good step toward improvement in that area.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

If I thought I could fix the city's drainage problems with \$1 million, I absolutely would, but since that would be impossible, what would be possible with that amount would be visually enhancing our existing commercial district with things like landscaping and purchasing new signage for existing businesses to get everyone in compliance and looking good all at once.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

I enjoy many places in our city, but my favorite is always wherever my family is.

WARD 1 CANDIDATES

CLE COLLINS (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background, and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I studied at Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School in Maryland, earning my Marine Engineer certification in 1984 and my Chief Marine Engineer certification in 1992.

For over 30 years, I served as Chief Engineer on ocean-faring cargo vessels, where I



CLE COLLINS

was ultimately responsible for ensuring that everything functioned smoothly to keep the vessel moving forward. Success in that role required leadership, accountability, and a hands-on approach, qualities I will bring to the City Council. I've always believed that a good leader works alongside his team, not above them, and I intend to apply that same philosophy in public service.

2. Why are you seeking public office, and what do you hope to achieve?

To get to my home for over a year, my guests and I were forced to take an inconvenient detour after the city had problems with a third-party contractor working on drainage in my neighborhood. When I started looking deeper into how these decisions were being made, it just didn't see like anyone cared or felt the same urgency that I did to get the problem resolved.

I'm running for office because I care, I want things done right the first time and I refuse to be a rubber stamp for outside "experts." I will take the time to fully understand the problems we face and make informed decisions that prioritize our residents,

not just the convenience of consultants and contractors.

3. What do you think is the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now, and what would you do to resolve it?

Drainage is one of our most pressing challenges, and it's a constantly evolving problem. We need the ability to react swiftly as new issues arise. Right now, I believe the city is too dependent on costly third-party contractors for every problem, and I believe we need to expand our in-house capabilities to address these needs more efficiently and cost-effectively.

Additionally, our POA is facing financial difficulties that could impact the entire community. While I do not believe the city should bail out the POA, I do think there are opportunities for collaboration that would be to the benefit of all residents.

4. What do you like most about life in Diamondhead?

Without question, it's the people. Diamondhead is a small, close-knit community where neighbors look out for one another. We have a great mix of young families and retirees, and our local businesses create natural gathering places... whether it's Rouses, the barbershop, the bowling alley, or one of our restaurants or bars. That sense of community is what makes Diamondhead special.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

I'd like to see the city adopt a "culvert-first" approach to drainage. Other coastal cities have programs that partner

with homeowners to install culverts, giving homeowners their yards back while still achieving the drainage requirements. I'd like to explore how we can implement a similar program in Diamondhead.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Over time, I think municipal governments have overstepped with excessive zoning laws and permitting requirements. It often feels like the current council is eager to approve every recommendation from outside consultants like Orion Planning or the P&Z Commission.

As an American, I believe that property owners shouldn't have to ask for permission to improve their homes, fly a flag, or put up a "For Sale" sign. That said, I do appreciate the long-term vision outlined in the Envision Diamondhead 2040 plan, and I support responsible, common-sense development.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1. Reduce dependency on third-party contractors

I believe we can replace some outsourced services with full-time city employees, particularly in public works, to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

2. Review the budget for wasteful spending

Just like any responsible organization, we need to take a hard look at the budget and eliminate unnecessary expenses.

3. Encourage business investment in the new Aloha District

By reducing excessive regulations and exploring tax incentives, we can attract more businesses to Diamondhead, increasing our tax base without raising rates on residents and adding to the many conveniences of our community.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

First, I firmly believe that residents have a fundamental right to speak directly to the City Council at meetings. The current council has imposed unnecessary restrictions on public speech, and I would work to rescind those limits.

When the Mayor represented Ward 1, she frequently held community roundtables at City Hall. This is something I'd like to reinstate. I want to collaborate with my neighbors to make our city better.

Heidi Boyanton, a mayoral candidate, has suggested re-instituting Citizen Committees, which I fully support. We have a highly educated and talented population, and their input should be a key part of decision-making.

Finally, it is generally understood that email is not the most effective method of connecting to residents with urgent notifications and information. However, alternatives like direct mail and text messages can be cost prohibitive. I would propose a city-wide phone app to improve the ability for the City to connect with the residents, and share urgent, important information.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city in any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I believe we've lost something valuable with the removal of shop class and home economics from schools.

I would love to see the city establish a youth program where members of the community can provide hands-on training for essential life skills—things like how to use a hammer and screwdriver, how to bake, how to sew or knit. Not only would this help kids develop useful skills, but it would also create opportunities for older residents to pass on their knowledge while fostering stronger intergenerational connections.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

The Bowling Alley, Makiki Drive, and the Jordan River

MICHAEL J. FANDAL (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I graduated high school in 1973 then technical classes and working as a Apprentice Machinist for 4 years I have two certifications as a Firefighter from the University of Nevada/ Reno along with numerous certifications on the repair of rotating equipment. I am now retired after 48 years working as a Machinery Specialist most of the years with ExxonMobil Refining and Supply as a Supervi-



MICHAEL J. FANDAL

sor/ Manager responsible for Planning, Maintenance and Repair of all rotating equipment in a US Refinery along with assignments in Asia.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

Our family has a long history of public service in Louisiana. Due to a very busy career with very long hours I was not able to seek public office at any level. Since retiring here in Diamondhead I have volunteered my time on a few City sponsored events.

Myself and my wife really love this area. City has grown and has new challenges. With my background along with bringing new ideas I think I can make a positive difference if elected. I want to be a small part of seeing our city grow but yet still remain safe and retain the charm that attracted us here in retirement.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Most people I talk to are concerned about the POA covenants expiration and the effect it will have on the residents and the city. There is

not a resolution to fix this at this time but I want to help the city resolve this challenge.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

Staying active in retirement. Life in Diamondhead is also life on our Mississippi Gulf Coast. Hard to beat !!!!

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

That's a tough question. Ban any University of Alabama yard signs, flags and bumper stickers. Geaux Tigers !!!!!

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Enforce what's on the books until updated.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1)Start with review with the other elected officials of our city budget.
2)Review long term projects that are in planning.
3)Review safety record of the employees and contractors and see if that has influence on insurance cost.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

Start a online newsletter at a minimum of once a quarter or even monthly. Make it easy to access. Ask for more participation and suggestions from residents at the council meetings or thru the newsletter .

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

Start a recreation department with focus on our youth. Get the kids out of the house and outdoors.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

Walking paths and on the water. We have two kayak launches, two boat launches with access to the Jordan and Gulf along with miles of walking paths.

SHANE FINLEY (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I received my Bachelors degree in finance from Auburn University. I have worked in the lumber industry since, having been with my current company for 29 years. I have volunteered on several boards, including vice president of Diamondhead POA as well as chairman of the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District. My broad knowledge of the workings of the community will certainly help the council as they wade into a new term, with new challenges.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I simply want to help the city of Diamondhead, and give back to a community that has provided a safe and beautiful place to raise a



SHANE FINLEY

family.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The polarity of the city and the POA has and will continue to be the biggest overall issue. Emotions run high on several fronts, and each side is equally passionate. I am of the opinion that the two will have to eventually coalesce to some degree, but the method has been debated ad nauseum. Ultimately the citizens should be able to vote on this, and we can all hope that it works out for the long run.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

Diamondhead has it all. We enjoy boating, tennis, pickle ball, and being able to access all we need by golf cart, including all of our great restaurants.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

Instead of waging a Sisyphean war on social media, people could bring their ideas to the proper forum and have sensible discussion that

would lend to "best for all" results.

6. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1. The city has done a fantastic job applying for and qualifying for state and federal monies. We have to continue with that passion.
2. Catering to quality new business, as well as nurturing our current beloved businesses.

3. Working to ensure that our amenities that the city controls are cared for and kept up for all to enjoy. It is the amenities and natural beauty that brought us all here, and will continue to lure new business and new residents, from newlyweds to retirees an everyone in between.

7. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

Social media is king when it comes to the amount of information. If only 100 percent of it (or even close) was accurate, reliable,, and lacked abusive content. People are busy, (less than five percent have ever attended a meeting). I would continue to ask for feedback, and use that feedback to improve communication among the residents.

8. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would continue to put drainage first. We have accomplished so much just in the past couple of years, but

so much left to do.

9. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

We love spending time on the water. We try to frequent all of the restaurants as much as we can. Ultimately, we spend most of our time out on the golf cart visiting neighbors and enjoying the scenery that our beautiful community provides.

**WARD 2
CANDIDATES**

RICHARD SHEPPARD (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I am presently the director of international sales for Compass Water Solutions. My experience building relationships, negotiating contacts, and involvement in nearly all aspects of the business provides me with a unique and wide-ranged skill set which I believe Diamondhead can benefit from. In addition, unlike any other non-incumbent, I have served on the Diamondhead City counsel from June 2021



RICHARD SHEPPARD

until April 2022.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I have leadership ability to ensure our community leaders work together. We need leaders who listen to differing opinions and consider what others say before reaching any conclusions.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The City Council needs to monitor the growth of the city, ensure the infrastructure can handle growth and implement any changes needed.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

The most unique place to live. We truly believe that our lives have been greatly enhanced since we made the decision to make Diamondhead our home in 2018.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

I believe that Diamondhead is one of the best-kept secrets on the Gulf Coast. As a result, we are growing at a fast rate. As I stated in response to question 2, sustainable growth at a pace the infrastructure can handle is a primary concern

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

This would go back to growth. Our community is 50 years old, and the zoning

code has to accommodate and change as the city expands.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

First, I do not favor taking any action that would increase the tax burden on our citizens.

Second, we need to think forward as it relates to growth. We must anticipate how Diamondhead will grow and take proactive measures to accommodate future growth. This will help to avoid more significant "fixes" that tend to cost more than regular maintenance.

Third, attract retail and commercial businesses to alleviate the tax burden on residents and increase annual revenue.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

My cell number has already been provided in my campaign material. I will be available to all residents. During my previous service, I responded to concerns regardless of the Ward in which residents lived. I intend to do the same if elected again

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

Towards our drainage upgrade programs.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

I love our home, where we spend lots of time entertaining. However, even simple casual drives by car or golf

cart around the city on a beautiful day bring us enjoyment.

MICHAEL MEISTER (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

High School diploma / Quality control supervisor, plus certifications in various inspection disciplines and continuing education courses.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

To serve the people of Diamondhead. Maintain the quality of life that Diamondhead offers.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Street/road maintenance and drainage issues. Take a more robust approach to maintaining them.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

That it's a golf cart community, close to the beaches, and nature. Participating in



MICHAEL MEISTER

Cruisin' the Coast and all local parades.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

Everyone working together to make Diamondhead a great place to live, work, and retire.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Revisit all zoning codes and align those that need re-aligning.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1. Hire a marketing firm to attract new business.
2. Incentive new businesses to locate in Diamondhead.
3. Attract new industries.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

Get out and ask the residents how they stand on issues. Communicate by email and text. Open door policy.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

Put it in a high yield savings and use it when needed for any emergency needs that should arise.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

Riding our golf cart around Diamondhead and exploring the different neighborhoods, Twin Lakes and attending Farmer's Market on the city

hall grounds.

WARD 3 CANDIDATES

LEO MARINO (R)

A Proven Leader, A Voice for You

My name is Leo Marino, and I am honored to run for councilman to serve the residents of Diamondhead. With a lifetime of dedication, leadership, and service, I bring the experience, integrity, and vision our community needs.

A Lifetime of Leadership & Service

10 years as a Firefighter, rising to the rank of Captain—because leadership is earned through dedication.

12 years as the owner of a successful trucking company, understanding firsthand the challenges of running a business.

13 years as an Operations Manager in chemical transport, negotiating contracts and making strategic decisions that kept businesses moving.

14 years with Walmart Transport, retiring in 2018 with a 100% safety record—because accountability matters.

4 years with Diamond Head Public Works, working



LEO MARINO

to improve our city's infrastructure.

My Commitment to You

Improving drainage and roads—because safe, well-maintained streets are essential.

No increase in taxes—because you deserve financial responsibility from your leaders.

Government transparency—because you should always know how your tax dollars are spent.

Eliminating wasteful spending—focusing on smart investments for our future.

Stopping nepotism and cronyism—hiring only qualified professionals to serve our community.

Holding department heads accountable—ensuring efficiency, integrity, and results.

Protecting property rights—no forced eminent domain—finding solutions that respect homeowners and businesses.

I believe in fiscally responsible, common-sense leadership that puts the people first. I am not a politician—I am a problem solver, a leader, and a public servant who will fight for you and your family.

A vote for me is a voice for you!

Vote for me on April 1st – because together, we can build a better, stronger Diamondhead.

Let's make our city a place of opportunity, safety, and prosperity for all.

I ask for your trust, your support, and your vote.

Let's move Diamondhead forward—together!

Thank you!

JESSIE HARWOOD (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

Throughout my career in Operations Management for Marriott International, I developed strong skills in people management, analyzing profit and loss statements for multiple properties, creating and implementing budgets for every department, accounts payable and receivable, preventative maintenance for very large properties along the Gulf Coast. I am currently Vice President of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Diamondhead. As a commissioner and resident, I regularly attend City Council meetings and Planning and Zoning meetings. Our team of Commissioners, along with current city employees, help the residents of Diamondhead navigate the City Ordinances. We recently rewrote the tree ordinance in accordance with input we received from our residents. Our city ordinances are an ever-changing development, and I look forward to continuing to be a part of ensuring Diamondhead remains the place our residents know and love.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I have a strong passion for public service and I have enjoyed exploring the future development of Diamondhead while serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Some of the achieve-



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ments I hope to accomplish would include more community involvement, communication between residents and City Council members, higher resident attendance at City Council meetings, building upon what my predecessors have put into action, and being an active part of the city team of council members and employees.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Infrastructure is a long-term issue that affects Diamondhead in so many ways. For example, the MDOT project, our drainage, the aging roads and paving projects. The only way to ensure the reliability of infrastructure is to be proactive and forward thinking.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

Diamondhead has so much to offer, it is very hard to name one thing! Our green space and blue ways are probably my most cherished attributes of Diamondhead.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

Increasing the options for restaurant and retail development, while maintaining the hidden gem that we all know and love.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Our planning and zoning commission recently revised our ordinance to include Architectural Review as a permanent part of our monthly meeting agenda. I think there is still room for improvement in that area, as this issue is extremely important to the residents of Diamondhead.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

1. Remain fiscally conservative 2. Collaborate with the City Manager/Council to protect our tax milage rate 3. Continue to develop our ordinances in conjunction with our Envision 2040 plan, so that Diamondhead becomes more attractive to the tax base required to support our city.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

Encourage residents to attend city council meetings, watch them live or recorded on YouTube, and ensure our technology is adequate for providing all residents the opportunity to participate in city council meetings.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

The first thing I would do

would be to take a poll from the residents. They would decide where and how they would like the grant to be utilized.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

I love spending time at our kayak launch with my family where we explore nature and the beautiful scenery. Our shopping and restaurants, snowballs, bowling alley, and the Southside scenery are also some of my favorites!

WARD 4 CANDIDATES

KIM BUCKMAN (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I graduated from Pear River Community College. I also hold Insurance licenses in property/casualty, life/health. I am a small business owner and a professional artist as well.

My knowledge in property and casualty, specifically liability, can be helpful to the city council when looking at the development of diamondhead. Also my extensive ex-



KIM BUCKMAN

perience in running a small business will be helpful to the people of Diamondhead and city council.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

My goal in running for city council is to bring a voice to the people, someone that will listen and take their concerns and needs into consideration. I will stand strong for Ward 4 residents. I believe that when we stand together we can accomplish anything.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

Diamondhead is at a pivotal point in history. We are growing at a rapid rate with many changes occurring now and in the future. Without the right leaders, we could be in real trouble. We need leaders who focus on solutions, not division. Leaders who communicate, collaborate, and truly serve the community. I am excellent at communicating, listening, collaborating and I will serve my community to the best of my ability.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

Diamondhead is a small city that feels like a community. The people of Diamondhead are very special. I love my city and I want to see it be great again.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

I believe that Diamondhead has lost its trust in its

leaders. I believe as a result of this they are losing their faith in Diamondhead. Diamondhead is like a rare jewel that has a stain on it that needs to be removed so it shines. I believe cleaning our government is one of the most important things we can do so that we can handle the changes coming our way.

6. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

If elected the 3 steps I would like to take to put our city on a firmer financial footing would be:

Look at costs that can be cut for the city.

Have an audit of the city finances done.

Consult a financial advisor for the city.

7. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

Residents are in the mind set that no one is listening to them, therefore they don't see a need to be involved in the decision making. I would like to see ward meetings once a quarter. I would like to share the upcoming city council agenda and hear ward 4 residents' concerns, relay problems and communicate with me what they need me to do for them. I will work hard for them and voice their concerns to the council.

8. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

\$1 million grant - There are many things that need

addressing in the city as a whole. Off the top I would say: Drainage, Streets, and Beautification, we need color added to Diamondhead with plants. But overall these are my thoughts. I would like to know what the needs of the people are, then decide how to use the grant to serve the people of Diamondhead.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

Riding the golf cart through the large oaks that hang over the cart paths. There is something magical about an oak tree from the 1800's that still stands and offers shade to those that seek it.

Our community club of Diamondhead, where many gather of all ages to do activities and participate in events, clubs and gatherings. Our club is very important to the residents that choose to enjoy it.

Sitting on my back porch watching the wildlife come by. I don't know of anywhere else you can sit and watch herds of deer from your porch.

Enjoying our local businesses and restaurants, we have some of the best food on the Gulf Coast in Diamondhead. I enjoy supporting local small businesses.

AUSTIN CLARK (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

My professional background began as an entrepreneur in the summer of 2009.

Since then, I have created two successful businesses. I received my diploma from Hancock High School in May of 2014 and then conquered the challenge of becoming a certified firefighter, from the MS State Fire Academy, in Fall of 2014. My family has always encouraged and emphasized acts of service and assisting around our community. Growing up in Hancock County, and being a life time Diamondhead resident, my rapport with our residents has only grown over the years. I was elected as the Ward 4 councilman in 2024, after my father advanced to the Supervisor role for Hancock County, but my role as a public servant and love for Diamondhead began way before I was in office. This previous year in office has humbled me as I have a better understanding of how municipal government works and that there is no greater love for my city than being a public figure/voice for our residents. Being present in the public and addressing their concerns is the most important thing for a council member. I am raising a family in Diamondhead, I am a Diamondhead business owner, and I am a Diamondhead public servant. I am 100% all in for our residents of Diamondhead, and I believe that being the youngest member of the council is an additional perspective for the future of our wonderful city.

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

My goal, as the current Ward 4 councilman and the future of Diamondhead, is to achieve responsible growth while still maintaining the



AUSTIN CLARK

atmosphere of a small community. Being a part of the decision making process, of the future of Diamondhead, allows me to communicate the wants and needs for our residents, which is a vital role to assist with achieving these goals. I have always encouraged residents to shop local and be involved with our city's government. It is important that our residents are informed and involved as we continue to move forward.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

I still believe that Diamondhead's number one issue is our growing pains. We currently have multiple drainage and road projects happening at this time, even though it is very vital and necessary, it is a minor inconvenience for our residents. We are successfully completing these projects and though it may be problematic at times, we always have solved and fixed issues that have been presented. One key component to these successful projects is communication. With the suggestion to add signs, stating that there will be an upcoming project in the area, this has encouraged better

communication between residents and the city and has made an easier transition from start to finish.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

One of my favorite things about Diamondhead is how helpful our residents are. It's uplifting when the community is willing to lend a hand when called upon, day or night.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

If I could, and I currently am trying, change one thing about Diamondhead it is to make it more family-oriented. I am striving for our city to be more open and accessible to all ages. I believe residents are seeing that more families are becoming a part of our city and it is time to understand that our retirement community is evolving every day. Diamondhead isn't just a place to live, it is a lifetime investment in which I am striving to make better whenever the opportunity presents itself.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Our city has just completed a code rewrite and I believe we are on the right track with our codes. But one of the many things I am pushing for, is stricter code enforcement. Diamondhead has a new code enforcer and it appears that he is already stepping up to the plate. It is extremely important if we want to continue on the path of Keeping Diamondhead Great, that we need to

explore stiffer penalties for the builders who don't follow the codes. The mindset of "I'll ask for forgiveness later instead of asking for permission first" needs to be handled with harsher penalties.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

I have been a part of our financial footing for the previous year and it appears that we are already on the right track to maintain a sustainable Diamondhead. First, we need to stick to the plans that have been voted on or make changes to them in the planning stages. This allows open communication with residents and collaborating plans with the other agencies within our city which is saving us money. This is why it is important for residents to attend council meetings, and voice their concerns before projects are started and completed. Next, I believe that we need to find ways to differentiate ourselves from other cities. If we can't set ourselves apart from other cities, then we have no competitive advantages to draw in more revenue. Finally, I believe that we need to continue to support local, especially during these difficult times of major construction on the I-10 corridor and the roundabouts.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the Decision making process in Diamondhead?

When it comes to our city, every voice matters. I have always encouraged our residents to voice their opinions and concerns. Whether it be at the council meetings,

planning and zoning meetings, private meetings, text messaging, email or phone calls, our residents need to understand that their voice matters. I also encourage residents to vote. Voting ensures that you, the residents, are putting your trust in the right candidate that you believe will do the best for our city.

9. If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

If we were to receive an additional \$1 million grant, I would use the money for the betterment of our city to continue promoting/building up our commercial areas. If we promote our businesses now, and continue to build the commercial district as we have been, then we have the opportunity to keep our residential taxes low. This will save our residents money while maintaining our drainage, our roads, and any future project that will happen in our city.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

Our family has a few places in Diamondhead that we enjoy together. We ride our golf cart around the city and really enjoy stopping at East Rec and the duck pond. We also enjoy family walks and bike rides around Hilo Way and Maui Circle and then stopping at the Maluhia Garden to smell the flowers.

AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

GERARD MAHER (R)

1. What is your education-



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al/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

I graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and took some classes in a MBA program. I have been a councilman since July of 2021 and the city is definitely in better shape today than it was back in 2021. Better drainage, better roads, better changes to building setbacks, better fill dirt rules and approving the Envision 2040 plan a better road map for the future success of the city. I have been a broker/owner of a successful real estate company. I am a real estate instructor, coach, and was a manager to about 200 coast real estate agents. Being involved in real estate for over 25 years has made me value more that people don't buy and sell houses, they buy a community, and it is my job as councilman to make Diamondhead a great community, a place to be proud of. Is it perfect? No, but it is making progress and it is better today than it was before this term!

2. Why are you seeking public office and what do you hope to achieve?

I am seeking to be Diamondhead's councilman to

continue to see that the projects such as fixing the drainage, and road repair remain the City's number 1 priority. Along with road repair, a great new entrance and a revitalized commercial district would be also on the agenda. I would also hope to introduce larger easements and set backs where commercial zoning and residential zoning meet to create more of a buffer area.

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now and what would you do to resolve it?

The number 1 issue is still drainage, but we have been spending millions getting it better than when I first took office. Drainage in the City is better now than in 2021, but the job still needs millions more as we are progressing. And of course, with the construction, comes frustration and road closures, that need to be better communicated with the citizens.

4. What is the one thing you like the most about life in Diamondhead?

It has a great community, great vibe. Plus it is a hidden gem of the coast and the low crime rate.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

The process of getting grants and applying them to solutions for our City needs to be communicated better with the citizens.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

Larger setbacks between

commercial and residential areas to allow for a buffer between the two.

7.If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

The City is on a firm financial footing. But, with increase of homes and increase of business, we have to make sure that we spend money wisely, and all expenses should be reviewed on a yearly basis when we do the budget and prioritize what is to be spent and how much. I am a fiscal conservative and watch to make sure we are not spending money without a good benefit to the citizens.

8.If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

I would again try to make communication better. While we have email blasts and text blasts, an electronic sign and a web page and Facebook page, we need to make more citizens aware of how to access this. Perhaps going door to door to have them sign up for notifications from the city and a second electronic sign for the back entrance of Diamondhead.

9.If you received a \$1 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I would apply it to more drainage projects.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

I love our variety of restaurants, the kayak launches, the trails, and lawn chairs on the grass listening to lo-

cal music at the gazebo on the third Thursday of most months

JOEL SALSURY (R)

1. What is your educational/professional background and how would you apply that to your office on behalf of the people of Diamondhead?

After graduating from St. Stanislaus/Coast Episcopal, I attended LSU in Baton Rouge studying Marketing and Public Relations. When my father unexpectedly passed away in 1998, I left school to support my mom and our family business. My sister and I worked together for the next 20 years to build a successful car dealership, and then... in 2020, we decided to divest and retire. I had the honor of working with the Dive Team at the Hancock County Sheriff's department for a couple of years.

I am confident that my skills in Marketing and Public Relations will help me to facilitate better communication from City Hall

2. Why are you seeking public office, and what do you hope to achieve?

As a 45 year resident of Diamondhead, I have experienced both growing up, working and playing in this great city. With the recent passing of my mother, I feel a renewed sense of duty to give back to the community that helped shape the person I am.

I expect to be able to bridge the gap from what Diamondhead was, to what we want it to be in the future.



JOEL SALSURY

3. What do you think the number one issue Diamondhead is facing right now, and what would you do to resolve it?

Obviously, we are facing several immediate challenges in Diamondhead from the road construction on I-10 to drainage issues to funding for our POA and the Amenities after recent court decisions. Our community is growing and changing significantly, and I want to ensure that we do not lose the close-knit sense of community that makes Diamondhead the best place on the coast to live.

Ultimately, I think all of these issues have been exacerbated by overdevelopment, so... I would look to ensure that any new development is advantageous to our entire community.

4. What is the one thing that you like most about life in Diamondhead?

To me, it feels like the closest thing to a "Mayberry" on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. You can't walk through our local Rouses, without recognizing multiple people. We not only know most people up and down our street, but... we are able to develop neighborhood relationships with the

rest of the city at the Country Club, the Camphouse, Red-Zone, the Bowling Alley, etc.

5. If you could change one thing about Diamondhead, what would it be?

I want us all to get along with, hopefully, no drama.

6. If you could change one thing about the city's zoning code, what would it be and why?

So, most recently, I've found the restrictions on political yard signs on private property to be a little irritating. At first glance, it just feels Un-American. However, I would like to study the issue, before suggesting how it should be modified or repealed. The reality is that I'm new to government, and I want to really understand the problem before I advocate for change.

7. If elected, what three steps would you take to put our city on a firmer financial footing?

I don't expect to hit the ground advocating for change on day 1, instead I would like to take some time to review our budgets and spending over the past couple of years. Then, I would look for opportunities to enable the growth of our commercial centers and reduce overall spending. Ultimately, I don't want to see our property taxes increase unnecessarily.

8. If elected, what would you do to involve residents in the decision-making process in Diamondhead?

So, I think many people are like me... We don't want to care about the politics at City Hall... But, for those

that do, we obviously have to do a better job of communicating and collaborating with our residents. I really don't know what I don't know at this point, but... I think a well structured Citizen Committee could be useful in garnering a wider perspective. Of course, I will be available for calls, texts and emails for any residents... and I would expect to have many impromptu conversations of convenience at any one of the local businesses that I am a patron of.

9. If you received a \$1 Million Grant to use for the city, any way that you wanted, what would you do with it and why?

I don't think that I'm in a good position yet to answer this question with any confidence, as it is similar to the question of the number one issue in Diamondhead. But, if I didn't have to wear the hat of fiscal responsibilities inherent to the council, I would look to invest in our community theatre programs at the Diamondhead School of Fine Arts, as well as, the enablement of Youth Sports, like Baseball, Football, and Soccer in Diamondhead. Perhaps, an activity center that could be used to host larger events than current venues can handle, as well as, to enable indoor youth athletic activities. Or, even an outdoor amphitheater by the water.

10. Where are your favorite places to spend time in Diamondhead?

My House, the Marina, Rotten Bayou/Jordan River, The Country Club, Red Zone, the Bowling Alley, and my Church, St. Thomas.